



PREVIEW NOTES: AKRON WTA FINALS

GUADALAJARA, MEXICO | NOVEMBER 10-17, 2021 | USD \$5,000,000

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AKRON WTA FINALS GUADALAJARA – QUICK FACTS

Draw Dates: Wednesday, November 10 - Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Singles Final: Wednesday, November 17, 7:30pm
Doubles Final: Wednesday, November 17, 5pm
Venue: Centro Panamericano de Tenis
Total prize money: USD \$5,000,000
Surface: Hard Court (Solflex) / Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Wilson US Open (High Altitude)
First Held: 1972 (50th staging)
2019 Singles Final: [1] Ashleigh Barty (AUS) d. [8] Elina Svitolina (UKR) 6-4 6-3
2019 Doubles Final: [3] Babos/Mladenovic (HUN/FRA) d. [2] Hsieh/Strycova (TPE/CZE) 6-1 6-3

2021 FINALS SINGLES PARTICIPANTS

PLAYERS	RANK	NAT	AGE	WTA FINALS W-L	YTD PRIZE \$	YTD MD W/L	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$	CAREER MD W/L	CAREER TITLES
[1] Aryna Sabalenka	2	BLR	23	Debut	\$2,689,281	44-16	2	\$9,493,590	170-78	10
[2] Barbora Krejckova	3	CZE	25	Debut	\$3,356,883	44-13	3	\$6,327,132	64-33	3
[3] Karolina Pliskova	4	CZE	29	7-8	\$2,538,865	35-18	0	\$22,940,299	358-185	16
[4] Maria Sakkari	6	GRE	26	Debut	\$1,669,990	36-18	0	\$5,210,609	128-104	1
[5] Iga Swiatek	9	POL	20	Debut	\$1,703,151	35-13	2	\$4,639,553	63-30	3
[6] Garbiñe Muguruza	5	ESP	28	5-5	\$1,276,871	38-16	2	\$22,436,672	295-159	9
[7] Paula Badosa	10	ESP	23	Debut	\$2,295,962	41-15	2	\$3,165,520	59-37	2
[8] Anett Kontaveit	8	EST	25	Debut	\$1,158,757	45-15	4	\$6,035,470	169-114	5

Ranking based on week of November 8, 2021



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MATCH SCHEDULE

SESSION	DAY	TIME	MATCHES
Session 1	Wednesday, November 10	2pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 2	Wednesday, November 10	7pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 3	Thursday, November 11	2pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 4	Thursday, November 11	7:30pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 5	Friday, November 12	2pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 6	Friday, November 12	7:30pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 7	Saturday, November 13	2pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 8	Saturday, November 13	7:30pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 9	Sunday, November 14	2pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 10	Sunday, November 14	7:30pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 11	Monday, November 15	2pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 12	Monday, November 15	7:30pm	Singles RR (1), Doubles RR (1)
Session 13	Tuesday, November 16	2pm	Singles SF (1), Doubles SF (1)
Session 14	Tuesday, November 16	7:30pm	Singles SF (1), Doubles SF (1)
Session 15	Wednesday, November 17	5pm	Singles Final (1), Doubles Final (1)

Subject to change RR = Round Robin

WTA FINALS – A BRIEF HISTORY

- This is the 50th staging of the event (which began in 1972). This year marks the first time the city of Guadalajara will host the WTA Finals. Prior to Guadalajara, the event was staged in Shenzhen (where it will return in 2022) and Singapore from 2014-2018. Guadalajara is the 11th different city to host the year-end event
- This year the names for each group are in honor of four ancient Mexican and Colombian settlements that have a huge cultural and architectural importance for the region: Chichen Itza and Teotihuacán (singles), and Tenochtitlán and El Tajin (doubles)
- The singles event features 8 players and begins as a round robin event, with 4 players in each group. Over the first 6 days of competition, each player meets the other 3 players in her group, with the top 2 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
- Eleven players have advanced to the final on their WTA Finals debut; only Serena Williams (2001), Maria Sharapova (2004), Petra Kvitova (2011), Dominika Cibulkova (2016) and Ashleigh Barty (2019) 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)



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- The longest Finals win streak was compiled by Navratilova, who won 21 straight matches in winning 5 titles between 1983 and 1986 and reaching the quarterfinals in 1987. The next longest win streak in tournament history is S.Williams, who won 16 in a row (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 - Seles vs. Gabriela Sabatini (the first woman's match in 89 years to extend to five sets since the 1901 Philadelphia Finals); 1995 – Steffi Graf vs. Anke Huber; 1996 - Graf vs. Hingis. Six finals went to four sets (1986 - March, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993 and 1998)
- Nine times has a Finals winner has not dropped a set en route to the title; Evert achieved the feat three times (1972-73, 1975) and Navratilova (1984-85) and S.Williams (2001, 2012) did it twice; Sabatini did not drop a set in 1988, while Clijsters did the same in 2002
- There have been 23 different winners in 49 stagings; of those 23 winners, 16 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 23 times, including Ashleigh Barty in 2019
- Players from 14 different nations have won: USA (18), GER (6), BEL (5), CZE (4), YUG (3), ARG (2), AUS (3), SUI (2), DEN (1), FRA (1), POL (1), RUS (1), SVK (1) and UKR (1)
- In the last 38 years, the champion here has ended as the WTA Year-End World No.1 a total of 22 times
- On 17 occasions has the No.1 seed failed to reach the final

DOUBLES QUALIFIERS

The doubles event at the AKRON WTA Finals features 8 teams in a round robin format. The qualifiers below will be split into the Tenochtitlán and El Tajin groups, with the winners and runners-up advancing to the semifinals next Tuesday:

- **Barbora Krejčíková & Katerina Siniakova** – won four titles together this season, including the third major of their career, at Roland-Garros. The other three triumphs were at the Gippsland Trophy in Melbourne, Madrid and at the Olympics in Tokyo, while they finished runners-up to Elise Mertens and Aryna Sabalenka at the Australian Open in January. Krejčíková is the first woman since Karolina Pliskova in 2016 to qualify for both singles and doubles at the WTA Finals
- **Shuko Aoyama & Ena Shibahara** – continued their successful partnership with a tour-leading five titles spread across the season. The most prestigious of these came at the WTA 1000 Miami Open, while at the majors they made the semifinals at Wimbledon and last eight at the Australian Open
- **Hsieh Su-Wei & Elise Mertens** – after first teaming up during the clay court season, they really found their stride on grass, coming from match points down to win a dramatic Wimbledon final. The other title of the campaign came at Indian Wells to secure a spot in Guadalajara
- **Nicole Melichar-Martinez & Demi Schuurs** – the current campaign began with semifinals at the Yarra Valley Classic and Australian Open, their challenges derailed by the eventual champions on both occasions. The disappointment did not linger, though, as titles in Doha and Charleston, and two further final appearances during the grass court season ensured they were Mexico bound
- **Samantha Stosur & Zhang Shuai** – having played sparingly at the start of the campaign, the two hit a purple patch of form over the summer, overcoming a series of fancied opponents en route to victory at Cincinnati and then the US Open
- **Alexa Guarachi & Desirae Krawczyk** – the tone for the season was set with a title run at Adelaide in February. This was later followed by another trophy in Strasbourg on clay before an impressive semifinal showing at the US Open



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- **Darija Jurak & Andreja Klepac** – despite not teaming up until the clay court season, they quickly found their groove, reaching finals on all three surfaces and collecting titles at Bad Homburg and San Jose to help secure one of the last spots in Guadalajara
- **Sharon Fichman & Giuliana Olmos** – the season began with a Slam breakthrough for both at the Australian Open, where they made the quarterfinals. However, the highlight came on clay, leaving a trail of seeds in their wake to lift the trophy in Rome

2021 WTA FINALS AMASSADORS: THE LEGENDS, THE LEGACY

Between them, they won 12 of the first 16 editions of the WTA Finals. Hall of Famers, rivals and friends, two of the sport's great icons – **Chris Evert** and **Martina Navratilova** – are in Guadalajara to share their passion for tennis with fans and sponsors from the local community and around the world.

- The WTA's year-end World No.1 on five occasions, Chris Evert can lay claim to a number of historic firsts – including champion at the inaugural WTA Finals in 1972 (the first of her four wins at season finale), and first No.1 when computer rankings were introduced in 1975. In a career defined by remarkable focus and consistency and a double-handed backhand that inspired millions, Evert amassed 157 singles titles, including 18 Grand Slam trophies – indeed, her feat of winning at least one major a season for 13 years running (1974-1986) is unmatched across men's and women's tennis and she still owns the best win-loss percentage of the Open Era (.900, winning 1,309 matches). Chrissie's seven victories at the French Open remains the record among women, and she still owns the longest win streak on a single surface, having won 125 matches in a row on clay between August 1973 and May 1979.
- Crowned champion at the WTA Finals eight times in singles and 13 times in doubles – the record in both disciplines – Martina Navratilova won more singles titles (167), doubles titles (177) and career matches (1,442) than any player in WTA history. Having accumulated 59 Grand Slam titles (18 singles, 31 women's doubles, 10 mixed) during her illustrious career, she announced her final retirement from women's tennis in 2006, just before her 50th birthday. Revolutionizing tennis with her athletic serve-and-volley style and disciplined approach to health and fitness, Navratilova spent 332 weeks as World No.1 in singles (second only to Stefanie Graf's 377 weeks) and 237 weeks as the top-ranked doubles player. Together with Evert she forged one of the greatest rivalries in the history of any sport and in the end held the edge, 43-37. The WTA Finals Doubles Trophy is named in her honor.

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 2 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 22 instances where a player has posted a perfect 3-0 record in round robin play, most recently 2019 finalist Elina Svitolina
- Only eight times though has a player posted a 3-0 record and gone on to win the title, including in four of the last nine Finals (Kvitova in 2011, S.Williams in 2012 and 2013 and 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 Sharapova and Muguruza)

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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)
2019	Elina Svitolina	R-Up (l. Barty)

- On nine 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, 2 nd in group	d. Mauresmo in SF, d. S.Williams in F
2005	Amelie Mauresmo	2-1, 2 nd in group	d. Sharapova in SF, d. Pierce in F
2006	Justine Henin	2-1, 2 nd in group	d. Sharapova in SF, d. Mauresmo in F
2010	Kim Clijsters	2-1, 2 nd in group	d. Stosur in SF, d. Wozniacki in F
2014	Serena Williams	2-1, 2 nd in group	d. Wozniacki in SF, d. Halep in F
2015	Agnieszka Radwanska	1-2, 2 nd in group	d. Muguruza in SF, d. Kvitova in F
2016	Dominika Cibulkova	1-2, 2 nd in group	d. Kuznetsova in SF, d. Kerber in F
2017	Caroline Wozniacki	2-1, 2 nd in group	d. Ka.Pliskova in SF, d. V.Williams in F
2019	Ashleigh Barty	2-1, 1 st in group	d. Ka.Pliskova in SF, d. Svitolina 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:

YEAR	PLAYER	ROUND ROBIN W-L	SINGLE-ELIINATION RESULTS
2009	Venus Williams	1-2, 2 nd in group	d. Jankovic in SF, l. S.Williams in F
2011	Vera Zvonareva	1-2, 2 nd in group	l. Azarenka in SF
2013	Jelena Jankovic	1-2, 2 nd in group	l. S.Williams in SF
2014	Agnieszka Radwanska	1-2, 2 nd in group	l. Halep in SF
2015	Agnieszka Radwanska	1-2, 2 nd in group	d. Muguruza in SF, d. Kvitova in F
2015	Petra Kvitova	1-2, 2 nd in group	d. Sharapova in SF, l. A.Radwanska in F
2016	Dominika Cibulkova	1-2, 2 nd in group	d. Kuznetsova in SF, d. Kerber in F



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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.

HEAD TO HEADS

	Sabalenka	Krejcikova	Pliskova	Muguruza	Sakkari	Kontaveit	Swiatek	Badosa
Sabalenka		2-0	2-2	1-2	4-1	4-0	0-0	0-1
Krejcikova	0-2		0-2	2-1	3-0	0-0	0-2	0-2
Pliskova	2-2	2-0		8-2	1-2	3-0	0-1	2-0
Muguruza	2-1	1-2	2-8		1-1	2-2	1-0	0-0
Sakkari	1-4	0-3	2-1	1-1		6-5	2-0	0-0
Kontaveit	0-4	0-0	0-3	2-2	5-6		2-2	1-0
Swiatek	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-1	0-2	2-2		0-1
Badosa	1-0	2-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	



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RANKING POINTS & PRIZE MONEY BREAKDOWN

	<u>Matches Played</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Singles Points (Bonus)</u>	<u>Singles Prize Money</u> \$4,000,000	<u>Doubles Points (Best 11 Results)</u>	<u>Doubles Prize Money</u> \$1,000,000
Winner				1500*	\$1,680,000*	1500	\$360,000
Finalist				1080*	\$860,000*	1080	\$190,000
Semifinalist				750*	\$470,000^	750	\$110,000
Round Robin	3	3	0	750	\$440,000	750	\$110,000
Round Robin	3	2	1	625	\$330,000	625	\$90,000
Round Robin	2	2	0	500	\$310,000	500	\$80,000
Round Robin	3	1	2	500	\$220,000	500	\$70,000
Round Robin	2	1	1	375	\$200,000	375	\$60,000
Round Robin	1	1	0	250	\$180,000	250	\$50,000
Round Robin	3	0	3	375	\$110,000	375	\$50,000
Round Robin	2	0	2	250	\$90,000	250	\$40,000
Round Robin	1	0	1	125	\$70,000	125	\$30,000

*If undefeated: 375 (125 per match) points and \$110,000 for participation + 125 points and \$110,000 for each round robin win + 330 points and \$420,000 for semifinal win +420 points and \$820,000 for final win
 ^Losing semifinalists earn an additional \$30,000

Singles participation and Alternate fees are prorated as follows:

Matches Played	Singles Participation Fees	Singles Alternate Fees
3	\$110,000	
2	\$90,000	\$80,000
1	\$70,000	\$60,000
0		\$40,000

WTA FINALS EXPERIENCE [SINGLES]

QUALIFIERS	W-L	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
[1] Aryna Sabalenka	0-0	-	-	-	-	-
[2] Barbora Krejckikova	0-0	-	-	-	-	-
[3] Karolina Pliskova	7-8	SF	SF	SF	RR	-
[4] Maria Sakkari	0-0	-	-	-	-	-
[5] Iga Swiatek	0-0	-	-	-	-	-
[6] Garbiñe Muguruza	5-5	-	-	RR	RR	SF
[7] Paula Badosa	0-0	-	-	-	-	-
[8] Anett Kontaveit	0-0	-	-	-	-	-

MOST FINALS APPEARANCES – ACTIVE PLAYERS

Of all the qualifiers, **Karolina Pliskova** has the most WTA Finals appearances, 2021 marking her fifth outing while **Garbiñe Muguruza** records her fourth. 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 list of active players to have contested the Finals most often:

PLAYER	APPEARANCES	YEARS
Serena Williams (USA)	9	2001-02, 2004, 2007-09, 2012-14 (qualified 5 more times)
Petra Kvitova (CZE)	7	2011-15, 2018-19
Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)	6	2004, 2006-09, 2016
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
Simona Halep (ROU)	5	2014-17, 2019 (qualified 1 more time)
Karolina Pliskova (CZE)	5	2016-19, 2021

YEAR-END RANKING COMPARISON SINCE 2009

PLAYER	2020 Y/E	2019 Y/E	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 YE	2009 YE
[1] Aryna Sabalenka	10	11	11	78	159	548	-	-	-	-	-	-
[2] Barbora Krejckikova	65	135	203	126	251	187	187	376	608	895	-	-
[3] Karolina Pliskova	6	2	8	4	6	11	24	67	120	159	203	228
[4] Maria Sakkari	22	23	41	52	89	188	301	610	627	702	-	-
[5] Iga Swiatek	17	61	175	690	903	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
[6] Garbiñe Muguruza	15	36	18	2	7	3	21	64	104	249	432	687
[7] Paula Badosa	70	97	143	247	314	220	366	678	-	-	-	-
[8] Anett Kontaveit	23	26	21	34	110	91	166	228	436	573	-	-



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FINALS PARTICIPANTS BY NATION

- **BELARUS:** Aryna Sabalenka is the first Belarusian to compete at the WTA Finals since Victoria Azarenka's round-robin exit in 2013. Azarenka was a runner-up at the event in 2011 and semifinalist in 2012
- **CZECH REPUBLIC:** Barbora Krejckikova and Karolina Pliskova's participation in this year's WTA Finals means the Czech Republic has 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)
- **POLAND:** Iga Swiatek is the second Polish player to participate in the Finals, following in the footsteps of 2015 champion Agnieszka Radwanska. In total, Radwanska contested the season-ending showpiece eight times, also reaching the semifinals in 2012, 2014 and on her last appearance in 2016
- **SPAIN:** Garbiñe Muguruza returns to the event for the first time since 2017, looking to improve on her semifinal showing on debut in 2015. With Paula Badosa also in the field, this is the first WTA Finals to feature multiple Spaniards since 2000 (Sanchez-Vicario and Conchita Martinez). A Spaniard has reached the WTA Finals championship match once in the event's history – 1993, Sanchez-Vicario (I. Sabatini)
- **ESTONIA & GREECE:** Anett Kontaveit and Maria Sakkari are the first players from their country to appear in the WTA Finals

ALTERNATES

- Elise Mertens is confirmed to be an alternate at the 2021 WTA Finals
- Since 2003, when the Finals shifted to the current round robin format, the alternates have been called on nine 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
2019	Kiki Bertens* (1-1)	Sofia Kenin* (0-1)

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



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FINALS PARTICIPANTS' RESULTS ON THE BIGGEST STAGES IN 2021

	GRAND SLAMS				WTA 1000						
	Australian Open	Roland Garros	Wimbledon	US Open	Dubai	Miami	Madrid	Rome	Montréal	Cincinnati	Indian Wells
[1] Aryna Sabalenka	4r	3r	SF	SF	QF	QF	WON	3r	SF	2r	DNP
[2] Barbora Krejčíková	2r	WON	4r	QF	R-UP	2r	1r	3r	DNP	QF	4r
[3] Karolina Plisková	3r	2r	R-UP	QF	3r	3r	2r	R-UP	R-UP	SF	3r
[4] Maria Sakkari	1r	SF	2r	SF	1r	SF	3r	2r	3r	1r	2r
[5] Iga Świątek	4r	QF	4r	4r	3r	3r	3r	WON	DNP	2r	4r
[6] Garbiñe Muguruza	4r	1r	3r	4r	WON	4r	DNP	3r	2r	3r	2r
[7] Paula Badosa	1r	QF	4r	2r	DNP	2r	SF	DNP	2r	QF	WON
[8] Anett Kontaveit	3r	3r	1r	3r	3r	3r	2r	DNP	1r	1r	QF

YOUNGEST & OLDEST AT FINALS*

This year's youngest qualifier at the WTA Finals is **Iga Świątek** (20 years, 170 days). The oldest qualifier is **Karolina Plisková** (29 years 241 days). 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



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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
2019	Shenzhen, CHN	[1] Ashleigh Barty (AUS)	[8] Elina Svitolina (UKR)	64 63

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

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



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FINALS HONOR ROLL [DOUBLES]

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)	Krejcikova (CZE)/Siniakova (CZE)	64 75
2019	Shenzhen, CHN	Babos (HUN)/Mladenovic (FRA)	Hsieh (TPE)/Strycova (CZE)	61 63

2021 – A SNAPSHOT OF THE WTA YEAR

- Thirty-eight different players have won a WTA singles title this year
- **Ashleigh Barty** leads the way in terms of singles titles won, with five to her name (Yarra Valley Classic, Miami, Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Cincinnati), followed by **Anett Kontaveit** on four (Cleveland, Ostrava, Moscow, Cluj-Napoca) and **Barbora Krejčíková** on three (Strasbourg, Roland-Garros, Prague)
- Seven other players have two titles each: **Daria Kasatkina** (Phillip Island Trophy, St. Petersburg), **Aryna Sabalenka** (Abu Dhabi, Madrid), **Iga Świątek** (Adelaide, Rome), **Danielle Collins** (Palermo, San Jose), **Garbiñe Muguruza** (Dubai, Chicago 500), **Clara Tauson** (Lyon, Luxembourg), **Paula Badosa** (Belgrade, Indian Wells)
- The WTA has crowned 17 maiden title winners in 2021: **Clara Tauson** (Lyon), **Sara Sorribes Tormo** (Guadalajara), **Leylah Fernandez** (Monterrey), **Veronika Kudermetova** (Charleston 500), **Camila Osorio** (Bogotá), **Astra Sharma** (Charleston 250), **Paula Badosa** (Belgrade), **Barbora Krejčíková** (Strasbourg), **Liudmila Samsonova** (Berlin), **Ons Jabeur** (Birmingham), **Elena-Gabriela Ruse** (Hamburg), **Tamara Zidansek** (Lausanne), **Danielle Collins** (Palermo), **Maryna Zanevska** (Gdynia), **Emma Raducanu** (US Open), **Jasmine Paolini** (Portoroz), **Ann Li** (Tenerife)
- **Paula Badosa** has produced the most efficient title run, dropping 20 games at Belgrade
- Three players in 2021 have completed a singles-doubles title sweep at the same event – **Ashleigh Barty** at Stuttgart (partnering Jennifer Brady), **Coco Gauff** at Parma (partnering Catherine McNally) and **Barbora Krejčíková** at Roland-Garros (partnering Katerina Siniakova)
- The youngest title winner this season is **Coco Gauff** at Parma (17 years, 2 months, 10 days) and the oldest is **Andrea Petkovic** at Cluj-Napoca (33 years, 10 months, 30 days)
- At No.198 **Elena-Gabriela Ruse** is the lowest-ranked title winner in 2021 having won Hamburg
- Four qualifiers have won a WTA title this season, **Clara Tauson** (Lyon), **Liudmila Samsonova** (Berlin), **Elena-Gabriela Ruse** (Hamburg) and **Emma Raducanu** (US Open)
- The top seed has prevailed at 10 events in 2021, while 18 unseeded players have won a title
- In the longest match in terms of time spent on court, **Kristina Kučová** took 3 hours and 55 minutes to defeat Ekaterine Gorgodze in the quarterfinals at Gdynia
- Sixteen singles championship matches have been decided in three-sets
- The team of **Shuko Aoyama / Ena Shibahara** are tied with **Katerina Siniakova** for the most doubles titles this year with five
- **Barbora Krejčíková** owns the longest unbeaten streak in 2021, winning 15 matches on the spin from May to July. This included title runs at Strasbourg (5) and Roland-Garros (7), followed by a fourth-round showing at Wimbledon
- Entering the WTA Finals, **Ashleigh Barty**, **Jessica Pegula** and **Maria Sakkari** own the most Top-10 wins with seven
- **Ons Jabeur** leads the Tour for most match wins this season, with 48, followed by **Anett Kontaveit** on 45. Kontaveit also owns a tour-leading 36 victories on hard courts
- Six players have made their Top-10 debuts in 2021: **Iga Świątek**, **Barbora Krejčíková**, **Maria Sakkari**, **Ons Jabeur**, **Paula Badosa** and **Anett Kontaveit**
- **Karolina Plisková** has hit the most aces this year – 364 – followed by **Aryna Sabalenka** – 338 (totals do not include Olympic tennis tournament)



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ACEING CANCER

WTA Charities Continues ACEing Cancer Campaign at AKRON WTA Finals

The WTA and WTA Charities launched the third annual ACEing Cancer campaign at the beginning of October to support women’s health and wellness with proceeds raised and donated to the fight against women’s cancers. Continuing the campaign, the WTA and WTA Charities will be adding an additional \$100 per ace hit at the AKRON WTA Finals by both singles players and doubles teams.

The ACEing Cancer initiative began in 2019 and the first research grant was dedicated in memory of former WTA player Elena Baltacha, who lost her fight to liver cancer in 2014 at the age of 30. The 2021-22 campaign will be dedicated to the memory of WTA Legend and Hall of Famer, **Jana Novotna**, who died from cervical cancer in 2017 at the age of 49. Novotna won the WTA Finals in doubles in 1995 with Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and in 1997 took home both the singles and doubles titles with Lindsay Davenport.

WTA athletes including Carla Suárez Navarro, a former Top-10 player who recently underwent treatment for Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, and Barbora Krejčíková, who was coached and mentored by Jana Novotna, supported ACEing Cancer by sharing personal stories which can be read at wtatennis.com/charities.

With the money raised in 2019 and 2020, ACEing Cancer and Cancer Research Racquet funded a research project at Duke University Medical Center, through the American Cancer Society that examines how to treat dormant tumor cells in breast cancer survivors. According to the research proposal, the goal of the project is that the “findings will directly lead to better treatment strategies that use the immune system to find and kill any remaining dormant tumor cells, resulting in longer lives for breast cancer survivors.”



The WTA will select this year’s research grant recipient following the conclusion of the fundraising campaign at the end of the year. To learn more or to make a donation, visit wtatennis.com/aceingcancer.

WTA Finals lead sponsor AKRON has also joined the campaign, with a \$150 donation made for every ace served this week in singles and doubles. Donations will go to Cruz Rosa in Guadalajara, a charity that supports underserved (low income) women diagnosed with cancer and their families, and also to help fund research focused on women’s cancer in honor of the late WTA legend and Hall of Famer Jana Novotna.

