



# PREVIEW NOTES

## GRAND PRIX SAR LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM RABAT, MOROCCO

MAY 15-21, 2022 | WTA 250 | \$251,750



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## QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** May 15-21, 2022  
**Singles Final:** Saturday May 21, noon  
**Doubles Final:** Friday May 20, following singles semifinals  
**Venue:** Union Sportive des Cheminots du Maroc (USCM)  
**Status:** WTA 250  
**Staging:** Tournament's 20th year  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles / 16 qualifying  
**Surface:** Red Clay / Outdoors  
**Total prize money:** \$251,750  
**Tennis Ball:** Wilson Roland Garros Clay Court

SINGLES	USD \$	RANK POINTS
Winner	33,200	280
Runner-Up	19,750	180
Semifinalist	11,000	110
Quarterfinalist	6,200	60
Round of 16	4,100	30
Round of 32	2,835	1

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Top 4 Seeds:** Garbiñe Muguruza, Ajla Tomljanovic, Nuria Párrizas Díaz, Mayar Sherif  
**Wildcards:** Petra Marcinko, Garbiñe Muguruza, Lulu Sun  
**Youngest singles player (16):** Petra Marcinko  
**Oldest singles player (31):** Arantxa Rus

- Preparation for Roland-Garros draws to a close this week in Morocco, with former World No.1 **Garbiñe Muguruza** headlining the field at the Grand Prix Sar La Princesse Lalla Meryem
- Rabat has an impressive recent honor roll, with Kiki Bertens, Elina Svitolina, Francesca Schiavone, Timea Bacsinszky, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Elise Mertens and Maria Sakkari among the champions
- *One to watch* – **Petra Marcinko**. One of the three wildcards is 16-year-old Marcinko, who announced herself to the tennis world in January by lifting the Australian Open girls' singles title. Having risen to the top of the junior rankings at the end of last year, the Croatian is already making waves in the senior ranks, lifting back-to-back ITF Circuit titles on clay in Turkey earlier this spring



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### TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Garbiñe Muguruza	SF(1): 2014 (l. Torró-Flor) 2r (1): 2015 (l. Mladenovic)	4-2	.667
[2] Ajla Tomljanovic	R-Up (1): 2018 (l. Mertens) SF (1): 2019 (l. Konta)	7-2	.778
[3] Nuria Párrizas Díaz	Tournament debut	-	-
[4] Mayar Sherif	Tournament debut	-	-

\*Main-draw matches only

### RECENT SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2019	[6] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	[7] Johanna Konta (GBR)	4-6 6-4 6-1
2018	[1] Elise Mertens (BEL)	Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS)	6-2 7-6(4)
2017	[1] Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	[WC] Francesca Schiavone (ITA)	7-5 7-5
2016	[1] Tímea Babos (HUN)	[Q] Marina Erakovic (NZL)	6-2 6-1
2015	[4] Elina Svitolina (UKR)	Tímea Babos (HUN)	7-5 7-6(3)

### COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

A total of 18 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by France with four players each:

<b>Australia (2)</b>	Astra Sharma, Ajla Tomljanovic
<b>Canada (1)</b>	Carol Zhao
<b>China (1)</b>	You Xiaodi
<b>Croatia (1)</b>	Petra Marcinko
<b>Egypt (1)</b>	Mayer Sherif
<b>France (4)</b>	Tessa Andrianjafitrimo, Clara Burel, Kristina Mladenovic, Chloe Paquet
<b>Hungary (3)</b>	Anna Bondar, Dalma Galfi, Panna Udvardy
<b>Italy (3)</b>	Lucia Bronzetti, Cristiana Ferrando, Martina Trevisan
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Anna Danilina
<b>Mexico (1)</b>	Marcela Zacarias
<b>Netherlands (1)</b>	Arantxa Rus
<b>Norway (1)</b>	Ulrikke Eikeri
<b>Slovakia (2)</b>	Kristina Kucova, Anna-Karolina Schmiedlova
<b>Spain (3)</b>	Irene Burillo Escorihuela, Garbiñe Muguruza, Nuria Párrizas Díaz
<b>Sweden (1)</b>	Rebecca Peterson
<b>Switzerland (1)</b>	Lulu Sun
<b>United States (2)</b>	Catherine Harrison, Claire Liu

Anna Kalinskaya, Kamila Rakhimova, Ekaterina Reyngold



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## 2022 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 3	WTA 500 WTA 250 WTA 250	Adelaide Melbourne Set 1 Melbourne Set 2	[1] A. Barty d [7] E. Rybakina 63 62 [2] S. Halep d [3] V. Kudermetova 62 63 A. Anisimova d A. Sasnovich 75 16 64	Barty/Sanders d [3] Jurak Schreiber/Klepac 61 64 [2] Muhammad/Pegula vs Errani/Paolini 63 61 [2] Pera/Siniakova vs Martincova/Sherif 62 67 (7) 10-5
January 10	WTA 500 WTA 250	Sydney Adelaide 250	[5] P. Badosa d [3] B. Krejčíková 63 46 76(4) M. Keys d A. Riske 61 62	Danilina/Haddad Maia d Heisen/Udvardy 46 75 10-8 [3] Hozumi/Ninomiya d Martincova/Vondrousova 16 76 10-7
January 17	GS	Australian Open	[1] A. Barty d [27] D. Collins 63 76	[1] Krejčíková/Siniakova d Danilina/Haddad Maia 67 64 64
February 7	WTA 500	St. Petersburg	[2] A. Kontaveit d [1] M. Sakkari 57 76 75	Kalinskaya/McNally d Rosolska/Routliffe 63 67 10-4
February 14	WTA 500	Dubai	J. Ostapenko d V. Kudermetova 60 64	[2] Kudermetova/Mertens d Kichenok/Ostapenko 61 63
February 21	WTA 1000 WTA 250	Doha Guadalajara	[7] I. Swiatek d. A. Kontaveit 62 60 [6] S. Stephens d. M. Bouzkova 75 16 62	Gauff/Pegula d. [3] Kudermetova/Mertens 36 75 10-5 [3] Christian/Marozava d. Wang/Zhu 75 63
February 28	WTA 250 WTA 250	Monterrey Lyon	[2] L. Fernandez d. C. Osorio 67(5) 64 76(3) [8] S.Zhang d. D. Yastremska 36 63 64	C.Harrison/S.Santamaria d. X.Han/Y.Sizikova 16 75 106 L. Siegemund/V. Zvonareva d. A. Barnett/O. Nicholls 75 61
March 7	WTA 1000	Indian Wells	[3] I. Swiatek d. [6] M. Sakkari 64 61	Y.Xu/Z.Yang d. [7] A.Muhammad/E.Shibahara 75 76
March 21	WTA 1000	Miami	[2] I. Swiatek d. N. Osaka 64 60	L.Siegemund/V.Zvonareva d. [1] E.Mertens/V.Kudermetova 76 75
April 4	WTA 500 WTA 250	Charleston Bogotá	[10] B. Bencic d. [4] O. Jabeur 61 57 64 [Q] T. Maria d. [Q] L. Pigossi 63 46 62	[4] A.Klepac/M.Linette d. L.Hradecka/S.Mirza 62 46 10-7 A.Sharma/A.Sutjiadi d. E.Bektas/T.Moore 46 64 11-9
April 18	WTA 500 WTA 250	Stuttgart Istanbul	[1] I. Swiatek d. [3] A. Sabalenka 62 62 [Q] A.Potapova d. [3] V.Kudermetova 63 61	[2] D.Krawczyk/D.Schuurs d. [1] C.Gauff/S.Zhang 63 64 [3] M.Bouzkova/S.S.Tormo d. N.Dzalamidze/K.Rakhimova 63 64
April 25	WTA 1000	Madrid	[8] O.Jabeur d. [12] J.Pegula 75 06 62	[2] G.Dabrowski/G.Olmos d. [3] D.Krawczyk/D.Schuurs 76 57 10-7
May 9	WTA 1000	Rome	[1] I.Swiatek d. [9] O.Jabeur 62 62	V.Kudermetova/A.Pavlyuchenkova d. [2] G.Dabrowski/G.Olmos 16 64 10-7

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2022 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Danielle Collins (January 31)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (35-3), Ons Jabeur (25-8), Paula Badosa (22-10)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina (145), Madison Keys (135), Paula Badosa (133)
- **Most aces in a match (19):** Zheng Qinwen (I. Alexandrova at Charleston)
- **Most singles titles (5):** Iga Swiatek (Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Stuttgart, Rome)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (21):** Iga Swiatek (Rome)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.237):** Tatjana Maria (Bogotá)
- **Youngest title winner (19):** Leylah Fernandez (Monterrey)
- **Oldest title winner (34):** Tatjana Maria (Bogotá)
- **Most doubles titles (2):** Katerina Siniakova (Melbourne Summer Set 2, Australian Open), Jessica Pegula (Melbourne Summer Set 1, Doha), Laura Siegemund (Lyon, Miami), Vera Zvonareva (Lyon, Miami), Veronika Kudermetova (Dubai, Rome)
- **Longest Match (3h 36m):** Daria Saville d. Emma Raducanu 5-7 7-6(4) 4-3 ret. at Guadalajara