



# PREVIEW NOTES

## WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN CINCINNATI, OHIO, USA



AUGUST 15-21, 2022 | WTA 1000 | \$2,527,250

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### TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 – CENTER COURT

NAOMI OSAKA (JPN #39)

Head-to-Head

**3-2**

ZHANG SHUAI (CHN #44)

*Osaka recovered from 5-3 down in the final set to win their most recent encounter at 2018 Beijing... Zhang is only Chinese woman in the draw... Osaka leads the Tour this season for percentage of both service games (79.8%) and service points won (62.9%)... Zhang won doubles title here last year and is currently ranked No.2 in the latest WTA Doubles Rankings, just 290 behind new No.1 Gauff*

[14] KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE #17)

Head-to-Head

**2-1**

VENUS WILLIAMS (USA #1500)

*Williams advanced to SF here 10 years ago, while Pliskova was champion in 2016... Pliskova came from match point down to win only previous meeting with Williams on American soil, at 2016 US Open... Williams is bidding for her first Top-20 win since overcoming Bertens here in Cincinnati three years ago... Pliskova has struck 144 aces at this event, only two women have hit more since 2008:*

#### MOST ACES AT WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN

- 204 Serena Williams
- 150 Madison Keys
- 144 >>Karolina Pliskova**
- 96 Ashleigh Barty
- 94 Svetlana Kuznestova

[SR] SERENA WILLIAMS (USA #612)

Head-to-Head

**0-0**

[10] EMMA RADUCANU (GBR #13)

*Williams had already won 18 titles, including four majors, and held the World No.1 ranking for 18 weeks when Raducanu was born in late 2002... Since lifting the US Open last year, Raducanu has played 30 matches, posting a 13-17 record... Williams is the only woman to win back-to-back titles at this tournament in the Open Era, triumphing in 2014 and 2015... Raducanu is making her tournament debut... Winner faces Azarenka in second round*



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## GRANDSTAND

[11] COCO GAUFF (USA #12)

Head-to-Head

0-0

[Q] MARIE BOUZKOVA (CZE #46)

*Gauff* has won an impressive 72.5% of her service games this season... *Bouzkova* has a 3-3 record against Top-20 players in 2022... On Monday, *Gauff* became the second-youngest woman in history to debut at WTA Doubles No.1, behind only *Hingis*... After her two wins in qualifying, *Bouzkova* has now won 13 of her past 15 matches... *Gauff* owns a 14-1 career win-loss record against qualifiers and is 6-0 since the start of the year

[Q] CAROLINE GARCIA (FRA #35)

Head-to-Head

1-0

[4] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #3)

*Garcia* beat the Greek en route to the 2017 Wuhan title... *Sakkari* advanced to QF at this event in 2019 and 2020... Since the beginning of June, *Garcia* has won 22 main-draw matches and two titles, more than any other player on Tour... *Sakkari* has reached SF or better on five occasions at WTA 1000 tournaments, including a runner-up finish at Indian Wells in March... Both players own 28 main-draw victories this season

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2022 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (3):** Danielle Collins (January 31), Jessica Pegula (June 6), Emma Raducanu (July 11)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (47-6), Ons Jabeur (38-11), Simona Halep (38-10)
- **Aces leaders:** Caroline Garcia (241), Elena Rybakina (239), Karolina Pliskova (199)
- **Most aces in a match (20):** Karolina Pliskova (d. Sakkari at Toronto)
- **Most singles titles (6):** Iga Swiatek (Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Stuttgart, Rome, Roland-Garros)
- **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)
- **Longest Match (3h 53m):** Lesia Tsurenko d. Kamilla Rakhimova 6-7(1), 6-4, 7-5 at Budapest