



# PREVIEW NOTES

## WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN CINCINNATI, OHIO, USA



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

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## NATIONAL BANK OPEN – QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** Monday, August 15-21, 2022  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, August 21, 2PM  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, August 20, followed by  
**Venue:** Sobeys Stadium  
**Status:** WTA 1000  
**Staging:** Tournament's 19th year  
**Draw sizes:** 56 singles / 28 doubles teams / 32 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Hard (Laykold) / Outdoors  
**Tennis Ball:** Wilson US Open Regular Duty

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	412,000	900
Runner-Up	242,800	585
Semifinalist	125,000	350
Quarterfinalist	57,440	190
Round of 16	28,730	105
Round of 32	16,340	60
Round of 54	11,725	1

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Wildcards:** Catherine McNally, Shelby Rogers, Sloane Stephens, Sofia Kenin, Venus Williams  
**Youngest singles player:** Coco Gauff, 18 years old (March 13, 2004)  
**Oldest singles player:** Venus Williams, 42 years old (June 17, 1980)  
**Former champions:** Garbiñe Muguruza (2017); Madison Keys (2019); Karolina Pliskova (2016); Serena Williams (2014-15); Victoria Azarenka (2020, 2013);  
**Most appearances:** Petra Kvitova (11), Sloane Stephens (11), Angelique Kerber (11), Caroline Wozniacki (11)  
**Most match wins:** Serena Williams (23); Simona Halep (22)

## ABOUT WTA 1000s

- WTA 1000 events this year: Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, Rome, Toronto, Cincinnati and Guadalajara
- The tournament level was originally introduced to the Tour in 2009 as Premier Mandatory and Premier 5 tournaments and was later changed to WTA 1000 in 2021
- This year's five WTA 1000s were won by Swiatek (Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Rome), Jabeur (Madrid) and Simona Halep (Toronto)
- Seventeen different players have reached a WTA 1000 semifinals this year, while eight different players have reached the finals



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## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- The Western & Southern Open returns for the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive time as part of the lead-up tournaments to US Open.
- Last year's tournament was won by, then world No.1, **Ashleigh Barty**, who encountered **Jil Teichmann** in the final. It was Teichmann's first WTA1000 final, on her way to which she overcame seed No.2 Osaka; No.5 Pliskova and No.10 Bencic.
- Among the other former champions in the field are **Serena Williams** and **Venus Williams**, both contesting their third tournaments of the season, entering via a special ranking and wildcard, respectively.
- **Serena Williams** (2014, 2015) and **Victoria Azarenka** (2013, 2020) are the only two women to win the singles title twice at the tournament.
- 11 American players are appearing in the main draw at Cincinnati this year (excluding qualifiers), including **Madison Keys**, who was the Champion here in 2019, and the 2014-15 Champion – **Serena Williams**
- Both, **Serena Williams** (23) and **Simona Halep** (22), appearing in the main draw this week have the possibility to overtake Jelena Jankovic (24) in the battle for most main draw match wins at Cincinnati
- *One to Watch* – **Amanda Anisimova**. In the past 12 months, Anisimova has risen over 60 places in the rankings and arrives in Toronto in a rich vein of form. Since the start of the clay-court season, the 20-year-old has reached the quarterfinals or better at six tournaments, including a deep run at Wimbledon, taking her number of victories this campaign past 30

## TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Iga Swiatek (POL)	2r (2): 2019 (I. Kontaveit); 2021 (I. Jabeur) 1r (1): 2020 (I. McHale)	3-1	0.750%
[2] Anett Kontaveit (EST)	QF (1): 2020 (I. Osaka) 3r (2): 2019 (I. Barty); 2018 (I. Bertens) 1r (2): 2021 (I. Jabeur); 2017 (I. Kvitova)	7-5	0.583%
[3] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	QF (2): 2020 (I. Konta); 2019 (I. Barty) 2r (1): 2018 (I. Kontaveit) 1r (1): 2021 (I. Kerber)	7-4	0.636%
[4] Paula Badosa (EST)	QF: (1): 2021 (I. Pliskova)	3-1	0.750%

*\*Main draw matches only*

## RECENT CINCINNATI SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2021	[1] A.Barty (AUS)	J.Teichmann (SUI)	6-3 6-1
2020	V.Azarenka	[4] N.Osaka (JPN)	W/O
2019	[16] M.Keys (USA)	S.Kuznetsova	7-5 5-6(5)
2018	K.Bertens (NED)	[1] S.Halep (ROU)	2-6 7-6(6) 6-2
2017	[4] G.Muguruza (ESP)	[2] S.Halep (ROU)	6-1 6-0



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## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 19 countries and regions are represented in the main draw led by the United States with eleven players:

<b>Belgium (2)</b>	Alison Van Uytvanck, Elise Mertens
<b>Brazil (1)</b>	Beatriz Haddad Maia
<b>Canada (1)</b>	Leylah Fernandez
<b>China (1)</b>	Zhang Shuai
<b>Czech Republic (4)</b>	Barbora Krejčíková, Petra Kvitová, Karolína Plíšková, Karolína Muchová
<b>Estonia (2)</b>	Kaia Kanepi, Anett Kontaveit
<b>France (1)</b>	Alizé Cornet
<b>Great Britain (1)</b>	Emma Raducanu
<b>Greece (1)</b>	Maria Sakkari
<b>Italy (2)</b>	Camila Giorgi, Martina Trevisan
<b>Japan (1)</b>	Naomi Osaka
<b>Kazakhstan (2)</b>	Yulia Putintseva, Elena Rybakina
<b>Latvia (1)</b>	Jelena Ostapenko
<b>Poland (1)</b>	Iga Świątek
<b>Romania (2)</b>	Sorana Cîrstea, Simona Halep
<b>Spain (3)</b>	Paula Badosa, Garbiñe Muguruza, Sara Sorribes Tormo
<b>Switzerland (2)</b>	Belinda Bencic, Jil Teichmann
<b>Tunisia (1)</b>	Ons Jabeur
<b>United States (11)</b>	Alison Riske-Armitraj, Amanda Anisimova, Catherine McNally, Coco Gauff, Madison Keys, Jessica Pegula, Serena Williams, Shelby Rogers, Sloane Stephens, Sofia Kenin, Venus Williams

Aryna Sabalenka, Ekaterina Alexandrova, Victoria Azarenka, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Aliaksandra Sasnovich

## 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 Świątek (47-6), Simona Halep (38-10), Ons Jabeur (37-11)
- **Aces leaders:** Caroline Garcia (241), Elena Rybakina (239), Karolína Plíšková (209)
- **Most aces in a match (20):** Karolína Plíšková (d. Sakkari at Toronto)
- **Most singles titles (6):** Iga Świątek (Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Stuttgart, Rome, Roland-Garros)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (21):** Iga Świątek (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



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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. Krejckikova 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] Krejckikova/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
May 16	WTA 250 WTA 250	Strasbourg Rabat	[2] A. Kerber d. K. Juvan 76 67 76 M. Trevisan d. C. Liu 62 61	N.Melichar-Martinez/D.Saville d. [1] L.Hradecka/S.Mirza 57 75 10-6 [1] E.Hozumi/M.Ninomiya d. [2] M.Niculescu/A.Panova 67 63 10-8
May 23	GS	Roland Garros	[1] I. Swiatek d. [18] C. Gauff 61 63	C.Garcia/K.Mladenovic d. [8] C.Gauff/J.Pegula 26 63 62
June 6	WTA 250 WTA 250	Nottingham 's-Hertogenbosch	[7] B. Haddad Maia d. [6] A.Riske 64 16 63 [7] E. Alexandrova d. [1] A.Sabalenka 75 60	[1]B.Haddad Maia/S.Zhang d. [4] C.Dolehide/M.Niculescu 76(2) 63 E.Perez/T.Zidasek d. [1] V.Kudermetova/E.Mertens 63 75 12-10
June 13	WTA 500 WTA 250	Berlin Birmingham	[1] O. Jabeur d. [8] B. Bencic 63 21 ret. B. Haddad Maia d. [8] S. Zhang 54 ret.	[1] S.Sanders/K.Siniakova d. A.Cornet/J.Teichmann 64 63 [2] L.Kichenok/J.Ostapenko d. [1] E.Mertens/S.Zhang W/O
June 20	WTA 500 WTA 250	Eastbourne Bad Homburg	[14] P. Kvitova d. [8] J. Ostapenko 63 62 C. Garcia d. B. Andreescu 67(5) 64 64	A.Krunic/M. Linette d. L. Kichenok/J. Ostapenko W/O [1] E. Hozumi/M. Ninomiya d. [2] A. Rosolska/E. Routliffe 64 67(5) 10-5
June 27	GS	Wimbledon	[17] E. Rybakina d. [3] O. Jabeur 36 62 62	[2] B. Krejckikova/K. Siniakova d. [1] E. Mertens/S. Zhang 62 64
July 11	WTA 250 WTA 250	Budapest Lausanne	[Q] B. Pera d. A. Krunic 63 63 P. Martic d. [Q] O. Danilovic 64 62	[4] E. Gorgodze/O. Kalashnikova d. K. Piter/K. Zimmerman 16 64 10-6 O. Danilovic/K. Mladenovic d. [2] E. Eikeri/T. Zidasek W/O
July 18	WTA 250 WTA 250	Hamburg Palermo	B. Pera d. [1/WC] A. Kontaveit 62 64 [6] I. Begu d. L. Bronzetti 62 62	S. Chang/A. Kulikov d. [3] M. Kato/A. Sutjiadi 63 46 10-6 [3] A. Bondar/K. Zimmerman d. A. Anshba/P. Udvardy 63 62
July 25	WTA 250 WTA250	Warsaw Prague	[5] C. Garcia d. A. Bogdan 64 61 [8] M. Bouzkova d. A. Potapova 60 63	[4] A. Danilina/A. Friedsam d. [2] K. Kawa/A. Rosolska 64 57 10-5 [4] A. Potapova/Y. Sizikova d. A. Gabueva/A. Zakharova 63 64
August 1	WTA500 WTA250	San Jose Washington DC	[7] D.Kasatkina d. S.Rogers 67(2) 61 62 L.Samsonova d. [6] K.Kanepi 46 63 63	[4] X.Yu/Z.Yang d. S.Aoyama/H.Chan 75 60 [1] J.Pegula/E.Routliffe d. [4] A.Kalinskaya/C.McNally 63 75 12-10
August 8	WTA1000	Toronto	[15] S.Halep d. B.Haddad Maia 63 26 63	[3] C.Gauff/J.Pegula d. N.Melichar-Martinez/E.Perez 64 67(5) 10-5