



# PREVIEW NOTES

## INTERNATIONAUX DE STRASBOURG STRASBOURG, FRANCE

MAY 15-21, 2022 | WTA 250 | €203,024



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## INTERNATIONAUX DE STRASBOURG – QUICK FACTS

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Main draw dates:</b>   | May 15-21, 2022                         |
| <b>Singles Final:</b>     | Saturday May 21, Not Before 3pm         |
| <b>Doubles Final:</b>     | Saturday May 21, 12:30pm                |
| <b>Venue:</b>             | Tennis Club de Strasbourg               |
| <b>Status:</b>            | WTA 250                                 |
| <b>Staging:</b>           | Tournament's 36th year                  |
| <b>Draw sizes:</b>        | 32 singles / 16 doubles / 16 qualifying |
| <b>Surface:</b>           | Red Clay / Outdoors                     |
| <b>Total prize money:</b> | €203,024                                |
| <b>Tennis Ball:</b>       | Wilson Roland Garros Clay Court         |

| SINGLES                | €      | RANK POINTS |
|------------------------|--------|-------------|
| <b>Winner</b>          | 26,770 | 280         |
| <b>Runner-Up</b>       | 15,922 | 180         |
| <b>Semifinalist</b>    | 8,871  | 110         |
| <b>Quarterfinalist</b> | 5,000  | 60          |
| <b>Round of 16</b>     | 3,311  | 30          |
| <b>Round of 32</b>     | 2,286  | 1           |

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Top 4 Seeds:** Karolina Pliskova, Angelique Kerber, Sorana Cirstea, Elise Mertens

**Wildcards:** Angelique Kerber, Carole Monnet, Karolina Pliskova, Samantha Stosur

**Youngest singles player (19):** Elsa Jacquemot

**Oldest singles player (38):** Samantha Stosur

- Preparation for Roland-Garros draws to a close this week in Strasbourg, with six of the Top 50 in the field for the 36th edition of the Internationaux de Strasbourg
- Strasbourg has an impressive honor roll, with Grand Slam winners Jana Novotna, Stefanie Graf, Lindsay Davenport, Jennifer Capriati, Maria Sharapova, Francesca Schiavone, Samantha Stosur and Barbora Krejickova among the players to have lifted the trophy here
- While Krejickova's persistent elbow injury prevents her from defending the title, two other former champions at the Tennis Club de Strasbourg are in the draw, **Caroline Garcia** and wildcard **Samantha Stosur**, who opens her tournament against **Harmony Tan** on Sunday afternoon
- Also among the wildcards are former World No.1s **Karolina Pliskova** and **Angelique Kerber**. Looking for some time on court ahead of Roland-Garros following an injury disrupted start to the season, top seed Pliskova has been handed a tricky start, taking on talented teenager **Marta Kostyuk** first up



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## TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

| PLAYER                | TOURNAMENT HISTORY   | W/L | WIN % |
|-----------------------|--|-----|-------|
| [1] Karolina Pliskova | 1r (1): 2013 (I. Doi)  | 0-1 | .000  |
| [2] Angelique Kerber  | 1r (1): 2011 (I. Pous-Tio)                                   | 0-1 | .000  |
| [3] Sorana Cirstea    | R-Up (1): 2021 (I. Krejickova)<br>1r (1): 2010 (I. Baltacha) | 3-2 | .600  |
| [4] Elise Mertens     | Tournament debut   | -   | -     |

\*Main-draw matches only

## RECENT SINGLES FINALS

| YEAR | CHAMPION                     | RUNNER-UP                       | SCORE                |
|------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2021 | [5] Barbora Krejickova (CZE) | Sorana Cirstea (ROU)            | 6-3 6-3              |
| 2020 | [2] Elina Svitolina (UKR)    | [5] Elena Rybakina (KAZ)        | 6-4 1-6 6-2          |
| 2019 | [6] Dayana Yastremska (UKR)  | [4] Caroline Garcia (FRA)       | 6-4 5-7 7-6(3)       |
| 2018 | [3] Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova | [5/WC] Dominika Cibulkova (SVK) | 6-7(5) 7-6(3) 7-6(6) |
| 2017 | [6/WC] Samantha Stosur (AUS) | [7] Daria Saville (AUS)         | 5-7 6-4 6-3          |

## COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 14 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by home nation France with seven players:

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Australia (2)</b>      | Daria Saville, Samantha Stosur  |
| <b>Belgium (2)</b>        | Elise Mertens, Maryna Zanevska  |
| <b>China (1)</b>          | Zhang Shuai   |
| <b>Croatia (1)</b>        | Ana Konjuh  |
| <b>Czech Republic (1)</b> | Karolina Pliskova   |
| <b>France (7)</b>         | Océane Dodin, Fiona Ferro, Caroline Garcia, Elsa Jacquemot, Carole Monnet, Diane Parry, Harmony Tan |
| <b>Germany (2)</b>        | Anna-Lena Friedsam, Angelique Kerber  |
| <b>Great Britain (1)</b>  | Heather Watson  |
| <b>Poland (1)</b>         | Magda Linette   |
| <b>Romania (2)</b>        | Sorana Cirstea, Elena-Gabriela Ruse   |
| <b>Slovenia (1)</b>       | Kaja Juvan  |
| <b>Switzerland (1)</b>    | Viktorija Golubic   |
| <b>Ukraine (1)</b>        | Marta Kostyuk   |
| <b>United States (2)</b>  | Bernarda Pera, Sloane Stephens  |

Ekaterina Alexandrova, Varvara Gracheva



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## 2022 WTA TOUR FINALS

| Week of     | Level                         | Tournament                                     | Singles Final   | Doubles Final   |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--|---|---|
| January 3   | WTA 500<br>WTA 250<br>WTA 250 | Adelaide<br>Melbourne Set 1<br>Melbourne Set 2 | [1] A. Barty d [7] E. Rybakina 63 62<br>[2] S. Halep d [3] V. Kudermetova 62 63<br>A. Anisimova d A. Sasnovich 75 16 64 | Barty/Sanders d [3] Jurak Schreiber/Klepac 61 64<br>[2] Muhammad/Pegula vs Errani/Paolini 63 61<br>[2] Pera/Siniakova vs Martincova/Sherif 62 67 (7) 10-5 |
| January 10  | WTA 500<br>WTA 250            | Sydney<br>Adelaide 250                         | [5] P. Badosa d [3] B. Krejčíková 63 46 76(4)<br>M. Keys d A. Riske 61 62   | Danilina/Haddad Maia d Heisen/Udvardy 46 75 10-8<br>[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<br>WTA 250           | Doha<br>Guadalajara                            | [7] I. Swiatek d. A. Kontaveit 62 60<br>[6] S. Stephens d. M. Bouzkova 75 16 62   | Gauff/Pegula d. [3] Kudermetova/Mertens 36 75 10-5<br>[3] Christian/Marozava d. Wang/Zhu 75 63  |
| February 28 | WTA 250<br>WTA 250            | Monterrey<br>Lyon                              | [2] L. Fernandez d. C. Osorio 67(5) 64 76(3)<br>[8] S.Zhang d. D. Yastremska 36 63 64                                   | C.Harrison/S.Santamaria d. X.Han/Y.Sizikova 16 75 106<br>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<br>WTA 250            | Charleston<br>Bogotá                           | [10] B. Bencic d. [4] O. Jabeur 61 57 64<br>[Q] T. Maria d. [Q] L. Pigossi 63 46 62                                     | [4] A.Klepac/M.Linette d. L.Hradecka/S.Mirza 62 46 10-7<br>A.Sharma/A.Sutjiadi d. E.Bektas/T.Moore 46 64 11-9   |
| April 18    | WTA 500<br>WTA 250            | Stuttgart<br>Istanbul                          | [1] I. Swiatek d. [3] A. Sabalenka 62 62<br>[Q] A.Potapova d. [3] V.Kudermetova 63 61                                   | [2] D.Krawczyk/D.Schuurs d. [1] C.Gauff/S.Zhang 63 64<br>[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  |

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2022 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Danielle Collins (January 31)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (34-3), Ons Jabeur (25-7), 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 (4):** Iga Swiatek (Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Stuttgart)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (26):** Iga Swiatek (Miami)
- **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)
- **Longest Match (3h 36m):** Daria Saville d. Emma Raducanu 5-7 7-6(4) 4-3 ret. at Guadalajara