



PREVIEW NOTES

QATAR TOTALENERGIES OPEN

DOHA, QATAR

FEBRUARY 13-18, 2023 | WTA 500 | \$780,637



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QATAR TOTALENERGIES OPEN – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday, February 13 – Saturday, February 18, 2023
Singles Final: Saturday, February 18, 6pm
Doubles Final: Friday, February 17, following singles semifinals
Venue: Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex
Status: WTA 500
Staging: Tournament's 21st year
Draw sizes: 28 singles / 16 doubles teams / 32 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard (Plexicushion Prestige) / Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Dunlop Australian Open
2022 Singles Final: [7] Iga Swiatek d. [4] Anett Kontaveit 6-2 6-0
2022 Doubles Final: Coco Gauff/Jessica Pegula d. [3] Veronika Kudermetova/Elise Mertens 3-6 7-5 10-5

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	120,150	470
Runner-Up	74,161	305
Semifinalist	43,322	185
Quarterfinalist	21,075	100
Round of 16	11,500	55
Round of 32	8,310	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

Wildcards: Victoria Azarenka, Sofia Kenin, Maria Sakkari, Ipek Oz
Youngest singles player: Coco Gauff (18)
Oldest singles player: Zhang Shuai (34)



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TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- The 21st edition of the tournament features seven of the Top 10, including World No.1 and defending champion **Iga Swiatek**
- Last year, Swiatek swept through the draw at the Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex for the loss of just one set, beating three Top-10 rivals along the way. The event also marked the start of a 37-match winning streak, ushering in a spell of Tour domination that would bring five further titles and the WTA World No.1 ranking
- **Jessica Pegula** and **Caroline Garcia** are the No.2 and No.3 seeds, respectively, while **Coco Gauff** occupies the No.4 spot. All four receive first-round byes and will begin their title challenges on Wednesday
- Two of 2022's losing semifinalists are also in the draw, **Jelena Ostapenko** and **Maria Sakkari**. Ostapenko takes on fellow big-hitter **Madison Keys** in her opener, while Sakkari, who is fresh from a run to the final four in Linz, was paired with the ever-improving **Zheng Qinwen** in Saturday's draw
- In addition to Swiatek, there are a couple more former champions in the main draw, **Victoria Azarenka** (2012-13) and **Petra Kvitova** (2018, 2021), and an additional two in qualifying, **Karolina Pliskova** (2017) and **Elise Mertens** (2019)
- Azarenka is one of four wildcards in the field, joined by Sakkari, **Sofia Kenin** and **Ipek Oz**
- **One to Watch – Zheng Qinwen**. Since the start of 2022, Zheng has risen over 100 places in the WTA rankings to her current career-high position of No.24. In this time, the 20-year-old has won 47 matches across all levels, including nine over Top-20 opponents, and arrives in Qatar fresh from a semifinal showing last week in Abu Dhabi. She faces No.5 seed Sakkari in the first round, with Garcia potentially awaiting in the quarterfinals

TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Iga Swiatek (POL)	WON (1): 2022 (d. Kontaveit in F) 2r (1): 2020 (l. Kuznetsova)	6-1	.857
[2] Jessica Pegula (USA)	SF (1): 2021 (as qualifier, l. Kvitova) 3r (1): 2022 (l. Sakkari)	5-2	.714
[3] Caroline Garcia (FRA)	QF (1): 2018 (l. Muguruza) 2r (3): 2013 (as qualifier, l. Sharapova), 2017 (l. Ka.Pliskova), 2022 (l. Gauff) 1r (4): 2012 (as qualifier, l. Barthel), 2014 (l. Knapp), 2016 (l. Vesnina), 2020 (l. Pera)	5-8	.385
[4] Coco Gauff (USA)	QF (1): 2022 (l. Sakkari)	3-1	.750

*Main draw matches only



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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 12 countries and regions are represented in the main draw led by the United States with five players:

Brazil (1)	Beatriz Haddad Maia
China (2)	Zhang Shuai, Zheng Qinwen
Czech Republic (3)	Barbora Krejčíková, Petra Kvitová, Karolína Muchová
France (1)	Caroline Garcia
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Italy (1)	Martina Trevisan
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Poland (1)	Iga Świątek
Spain (1)	Paula Badosa
Switzerland (1)	Belinda Bencic
Turkey (1)	Ipek Oz
United States (5)	Danielle Collins, Coco Gauff, Sofia Kenin, Madison Keys, Jessica Pegula
	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Victoria Azarenka, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Liudmila Samsonova

A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Elena Rybakina (January 30)
- **Match wins leaders:** Belinda Bencic (12-2), Aryna Sabalenka (11-0), Caroline Garcia (10-3), Zhu Lin (10-3)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina (104), Caroline Garcia (85), Aryna Sabalenka (81), Zheng Qinwen (80)
- **Most aces in a match (20):** Veronika Kudermetova (d. Victoria Azarenka at Adelaide 2)
- **Most singles titles (2):** Aryna Sabalenka (Adelaide 1, Australian Open), Belinda Bencic (Adelaide 2, Abu Dhabi)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (22):** Coco Gauff (Auckland)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.84):** Lauren Davis (Hobart)
- **Youngest title winner (18):** Coco Gauff (Auckland)
- **Oldest title winner (29):** Lauren Davis (Hobart)
- **Longest Match (3h 14m):** Martina Trevisan d. Maria Sakkari 6-3 6-7(4) 7-5 (United Cup)



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2023 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 2	WTA 500 WTA 250	Adelaide 1 Auckland Open	[2] A. Sabalenka d [Q] L. Noskova 63 76(4) [1] C. Gauff d [Q] R. Masarova 61 61	[6] Muhammad/Townsend d [1] Hunter/Siniakova 62 76(2) [2] Kato/Sutjiadi d Fernandez/Mattek-Sands 16 75 10-4
January 9	WTA 500 WTA 250	Adelaide 2 Hobart	[8] B. Bencic d [5] D. Kasatkina 60 62 [Q] L. Davis d. E. Cocciaretto 76(0) 62	Stefani/Townsend d Pavlyuchenkova/Rybakina 75 76(3) [1] Flipkens/Siegemund d. Golubic/Udvardy 64 75
January 16	GS	Australian Open	[5] A. Sabalenka d [22] E. Rybakina 46 63 64	[1] Krejčíková/Siniakova d [10] Aoyama/Shibahara 64 63
January 30	WTA 250 WTA 250	Hua Hin Lyon	L. Zhu d. L. Tsurenko 64 64 A. Parks d. [1] C. Garcia 76(7) 75	H. Chan/F.Wu d. X. Wang/L. Zhu 61 76(6) C. Bucsa/B. Schoofs d. O. Danilovic/A. Panova 76(5) 63
February 6	WTA 500 WTA 250	Abu Dhabi Linz	[2] B. Bencic d. [8] L. Samsonova 16 76(8) 64 [8] A. Potapova d. [6] P. Martić 63 61	L. Stefani/S. Zhang d. S. Aoyama/H. Chan 36 62 10-8 N. Dzalamidze/V. Kuzmova d. A. Friedsam/N. Kichenok 46 75 12-10