



PREVIEW NOTES

WESTERN & SOUTHERN OPEN
CINCINNATI, OHIO, USA

Aug 14 – Aug 20, 2023 | WTA 1000 | \$2,788,468



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Western & Southern Open – Quick Facts

Main draw dates: Monday, Aug 14 – Sunday, Aug 20, 2023
Singles Final: Sunday, Aug 20, 1.30pm
Doubles Final: Saturday, Aug 19, 2nd match after 6pm
Venue: Lindner Family Tennis Center
Status: WTA 1000
Staging: 92nd Edition Overall
Draw sizes: 56 singles / 28 doubles teams / 32 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard / Outdoor
Tennis Ball: Wilson US Open Extra Duty

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	454,500	900
Runner-Up	267,690	585
Semifinalist	138,000	350
Quarterfinalist	63,350	190
Round of 16	31,650	105
Round of 32	17,930	60
Round of 64	12,848	1

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Danielle Collins (USA), Peyton Stearns (USA), Celine Naef (SUI), Venus Williams (USA), Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)

Youngest singles player: Celine Naef (18)

Oldest singles player: Venus Williams (42)

- The WTA Hologic Tour visits Cincinnati this week for the seventh WTA 1000 tournament of the season. Overall, this is the 92nd edition of the tournament, an event that has been a staple on WTA calendar since 2004.
- The winners thus far at the WTA 1000 events have been **Barbora Krejckova** (Dubai), **Elena Rybakina** (Indian Wells, Rome), **Petra Kvitova** (Miami), **Aryna Sabalenka** (Madrid) and **Jessica Pegula** (Montreal).
- **Rybakina** (22-3) leads the Tour in match wins at WTA 1000 this year highlighted by two titles. She is followed by **Swiatek** (18-5), **Sabalenka** (16-5), **Pegula** (16-5) and **Karolina Muchova** (15-5).
- Last year, **Caroline Garcia** won the title as a qualifier. Garcia defeated three Top 10 ranked opponents en route to the title and defeated Petra Kvitova in the final.
- **Victoria Azarenka** (2013, 2020) and **Serena Williams** (2014, 2015) are the only woman to win the title twice. Azarenka's second title came when the event was staged in New York City in 2020.
- This year's wildcards include two former World No.1s in **Venus Williams** and **Caroline Wozniacki**.



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- Playing in the second tournament of her return, **Wozniacki** made her WTA main draw debut at 2005 Cincinnati. Wozniacki will be making her 12th appearance at the tournament, the most appearances since 2004. Her best result at the tournament has been a semifinal finish in 2014. She has also reached the quarterfinals three times (2009, 2013, 2017).
- The No.1 seed and No.2 seed have met in the tournament final twice – 2013 (No.2 seed Azarenka d. No.1 seed S.Williams) and 2004 (No.1 seed Lindsay Davenport d. No.2 seed Vera Zvonareva).
- A wildcard has reached the final in Cincinnati four times: Maria Sharapova (2011, Won), Svetlana Kuznetsova (2019, R-Up), Naomi Osaka (2020, R-Up) and Jil Teichmann (2021, R-Up).
- A qualifier has reached the SF three times at the tournament, including last year when Garcia won the title; other qualifiers to reach SF was Bethanie Mattek-Sands (2005, SF) and Akgul Amanmuradova (2007, SF).
- Since 2004, three Americans have won the women's singles title at Cincinnati - Lindsay Davenport (2004), Serena Williams (2014 & 2015) and Madison Keys (2019).
- Since 2004 Jelena Jankovic (24-8) has won more matches at the tournament than any other woman, followed by Serena Williams (23-7), Simona Halep (23-8) and Victoria Azarenka (19-7).

TOP 8 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS	APPEARANCES (Including 2023)	W/L
[1] Iga Swiatek (POL)	R16 (1): 2022	5	2-4
[2] Aryna Sabalenka	SF (2): 2018, 2022	6	10-5
[3] Jessica Pegula (USA)	QF (2): 2020, 2022	5	6-4
[4] Elena Rybakina (KAZ)	QF (1): 2022	4	5-3
[5] Ons Jabeur (TUN)	QF (1): 2022	5	6-4
[6] Caroline Garcia (FRA)	Won (1): 2022	9	11-7
[7] Coco Gauff (USA)	R32 (1): 2021	4	1-3
[8] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	QF (2): 2019, 2020	6	7-5

**Main draw matches only*



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TOURNAMENT HONOR ROLL

Since 2004

Youngest champion: Anna Chakvetadze (2007 – 20 years, 139 days)

Oldest champion: Serena Williams (2015 – 33 years, 331 days)

Top Seeds as champions (7): Lindsay Davenport (2014), Patty Schnyder (2005), Anna Chakvetadze (2007), Serena Williams (2014, 2015), Ashleigh Barty (2021)

Unseeded champions (4): Vera Zvonareva (2006), Kiki Bertens (2018), Victoria Azarenka (2020), Caroline Garcia (2022)

Lowest ranked champions: No.59 Victoria Azarenka (2020), No.50 Vera Zvonareva (2006)

Last 3-Set final: 2018 (Bertens d. Halep 2-6 7-6(6) 6-2)

YEAR	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
2004	Tier III	[1] Lindsay Davenport	[2] Vera Zvonareva	6-3 6-2	Craybas/Weingartner
2005	Tier III	[1] Patty Schnyder	Akiko Morigami	6-4 6-0	Granville/Spears
2006	Tier III	Vera Zvonareva	[4] Katarina Srebotnik	6-2 6-4	Camerin/Dulko
2007	Tier III	[1] Anna Chakvetadze	[7] Akiko Morigami	6-1 6-3	Mattek/Mirza
2008	Tier III	[2] Nadia Petrova	Nathalie Dechy	6-2 6-1	Kirilenko/Petrova
2009	WTA 1000	[5] Jelena Jankovic	[1] Dinara Safina	6-4 6-2	Black/Huber
2010	WTA 1000	[4] Kim Clijsters	[10] Maria Sharapova	2-6 7-6(4) 6-2	Azarenka/Kirilenko
2011	WTA 1000	[4] Maria Sharapova	[13] Jelena Jankovic	4-6 7-6(3) 6-3	King/Shvedova
2012	WTA 1000	[9] Li Na	[5] Angelique Kerber	1-6 6-3 6-1	Hlavackova/Hradecka
2013	WTA 1000	[2] Victoria Azarenka	[1] Serena Williams	2-6 6-2 7-6(6)	Hsieh/Peng
2014	WTA 1000	[1] Serena Williams	[9] Ana Ivanovic	6-4 6-1	Kops-Jones/Spears
2015	WTA 1000	[1] Serena Williams	[3] Simona Halep	6-3 7-6(5)	Y.Chan/H.Chan
2016	WTA 1000	[15] Karolina Pliskova	[2] Angelique Kerber	6-3 6-1	Mirza/Strycova
2017	WTA 1000	[4] Garbine Muguruza	[2] Simona Halep	6-1 6-0	Y.Chan/Hingis
2018	WTA 1000	Kiki Bertens	[1] Simona Halep	2-6 7-6(6) 6-2	Hradecka/Makarova
2019	WTA 1000	[16] Madison Keys	Svetlana Kuznetsova	7-5 7-6(5)	Hradecka/Klepac
2020	WTA 1000	Victoria Azarenka	[4] Naomi Osaka	W/O	Peschke/Schuurs
2021	WTA 1000	[1] Ashleigh Barty	Jil Teichmann	6-3 6-1	Stosur/S.Zhang
2022	WTA 1000	[Q] Caroline Garcia	Petra Kvitova	6-2 6-4	L.Kichenok/Ostapenko



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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Including qualifiers, a total of 19 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by the United States of America with eleven players:

Belgium (1)	Elise Mertens
Brazil (1)	Beatriz Haddad Maia
Czech Republic (8)	Marie Bouzkova, Barbora Krejckova, Petra Kvitova, Karolina Muchova, Linda Noskova, Karolina Pliskova, Katerina Siniakova, Marketa Vondrousova
China (3)	Xiyu Wang, Qinwen Zheng, Lin Zhu
Croatia (2)	Petra Martic, Donna Vekic
Denmark (1)	Caroline Wozniacki
Egypt (1)	Mayar Sherif
France (1)	Caroline Garcia
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Italy (3)	Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Jasimine Paolini, Martina Trevisan
Kazakhstan (1)	Elena Rybakina
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Poland (2)	Magda Linette, Iga Swiatek
Romania (2)	Irina-Camelia Begu, Sorana Cirstea
Spain (1)	Cristina Bucsa
Switzerland (2)	Belinda Bencic, Celine Naef
Tunisia (1)	Ons Jabeur
UKR (3)	Anhelina Kalinina, Marta Kostyuk, Elina Svitolina
USA (11)	Danielle Collins, Jennifer Brady, Coco Gauff, Madison Keys, Ann Li, Emma Navarro, Jessica Pegula, Bernarda Pera, Peyton Stearns, Sloane Stephens, Venus Williams

Ekaterina Alexandrova, Victoria Azarenka, Anna Blinkova, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Anastasia Potapova, Aryna Sabalenka, Liudmila Samsonova, Aliaksandra Sasnovich

A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (3):** Elena Rybakina (January 30); Beatriz Haddad Maia (June 12); Marketa Vondrousova (July 17)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (50-8), Jesscia Pegula (42-13), Aryna Sabalenka (41-9)
- **Most aces in a match (21):** Rebecca Marino (d. Emina Betkas at Birmingham)
- **Most singles titles (4):** Swiatek (Doha, Stuttgart, Roland Garros, Warsaw)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (1):** Jessica Pegula (Montreal)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.508):** Elina Svitolina (Strasbourg)
- **Youngest title winner (18):** Coco Gauff (Auckland)
- **Oldest title winner (35):** Tatjana Maria (Bogotá)
- **Most doubles titles (3):** Barbora Krejckova (Australian Open, Indian Wells, Birmingham), Luisa Stefani (Adelaide 2, Abu Dhabi, Berlin)
- **Longest Match (3h 51m):** Beatriz Haddad Maia d. Sara Sorribes Tormo 6-7(3) 6-3 7-5 (Roland Garros)



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2023 WTA TOUR FINALS

WEEK OF	LEVEL	TOURNAMENT	SINGLES FINAL	DOUBLES FINAL
Jan 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] A. Muhammad/T. Townsend d [1] S. Hunter/K. Siniakova 62 76(2) [2] M. Kato/A. Sutjiadi d L. Fernandez/B. Mattek-Sands 16 75 10-4
Jan 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	L. Stefani/T. Townsend d A. Pavlyuchenkova/E. Rybakina 75 76(3) [1] K. Flipkens/L. Siegemund d V. Golubic/P. Urdvardy 64 75
Jan 16	GS	Australian Open	[5] A. Sabalenka d [22] E. Rybakina 46 63 64	[1] B. Krejckikova/K. Siniakova d [10] S. Aoyama/E. Shibahara 64 63
Jan 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
Feb 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. Martic 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
Feb 13	WTA 500	Doha	[1] I. Swiatek d [2] J. Pegula 6-3 6-0	[1] C. Gauff/J. Pegula d L. Kichenok/J. Ostapenko 6-4 2-6 10-7
Feb 20	WTA 1000 WTA 250	Dubai Merida	B. Krejckikova d [1] I. Swiatek 6-4 6-2 C. Giorgi d [Q] R. Peterson 7-6(3) 1-6 6-2	V. Kudermetova/L. Samsonova d H. Chan/L. Chan 6-4 6-7(4) 10-1 C. McNally/D. Parry d X. Wang/F. Wu 6-0 7-5
Feb 27	WTA 250 WTA 250	Austin Monterrey	[8] M. Kostyuk d V. Gracheva 6-3 7-5 [3] D. Vekic d [1] C. Garcia 6-4 3-6 7-5	[2] E. Routliffe/A. Sutjiadi d [1] N. Melichar-Martinez/E. Perez 6-4 3-6 10-8 Y. Lizarazo/M. Garcia d [WC] K.Birrell/F. Contreras Gómez 6-3 5-7 10-5
Mar 6	WTA 1000	Indian Wells	[10] E.Rybakina d [2] A.Sabalenka 7-6(11) 6-4	[1] B. Krejckikova/K. Siniakova d B. Haddad Maia/L. Siegemund 6-1 6-7(3) 10-7
Mar 20	WTA 1000	Miami	[15] P. Kvitova d [10] E. Rybakina 7-6(14) 6-2	[2] C. Gauff/J. Pegula d L. Fernandez/T. Townsend 7-6(6) 6-2
Apr 3	WTA 500 WTA 500	Charleston Bogotá	[2] O. Jabeur d. [4] B.Bencic 7-6(6) 6-4 [2] T. Maria d. P. Stearns 6-3 2-6 6-4	D. Collins/D. Krawczyk d. [1] G. Olmos/E. Shibahara 0-6 6-4 14-12 I. Khromacheva/I. Shymanovich d. O. Kalshnikova/K. Piter 6-1 3-6 10-6
Apr 17	WTA 500	Stuttgart	[1] I. Swiatek d [2] A. Sabalenka 6-3 6-4	[2] D. Krawczyk/D. Schuurs d [3] N. Melichar-Martinez/G. Olmos 6-4 6-1
Apr 24	WTA 1000	Madrid	[2] A. Sabalenka d. [1] I. Swiatek 6-3 3-6 6-3	V. Azarenka/B. Haddad Maia d.[1] C. Gauff/J. Pegula 6-1 6-4
May 8	WTA 1000	Rome	[7] E. Rybakina d. [30] A. Kalinina 6-4 1-0 ret.	[4] S. Hunter/E. Mertens d. [1] C. Gauff/J.Pegula 6-4 6-4
May 21	WTA 250 WTA 250	Strasbourg Rabat	E. Svitolina d. B. Blinkova 6-2 6-3 L. Bronzetti d. J. Grabher 6-4 5-7 7-5	[4]Y.Xu /Z. Yang d. [2] D. Krawczyk / G. Olmos 6-3 6-2 S. Santamaria / Y. Sizikova d. L. Marozava / I. Gamarra Martins 3-6 6-1 10-8
May 29	GS	Roland Garros	[1] I. Swiatek d. K. Muchova 6-2 5-7 6-4	X. Wang / S. Hsieh d. [10] L. Fernandez/ T. Townsend 1-6 7-6(5) 6-1
June 12	WTA 250 WTA 250	Nottingham 's-Hertogenbosch	[WC] K. Boulter d. J. Burrage 6-3 6-3 [4] E. Alexandrova d. [1] V. Kudermetova 4-6 6-4 7-6(3)	U. Eikeri/I. Neel d. [WC] H. Dart/H. Watson 7-6(6) 5-7 10-8 S. Aoyama/E. Shibahara d. V. Hrunckova/T. Mihalikova 6-3 6-3
June 19	WTA 500 WTA 250	Berlin Birmingham	[7] P. Kvitova d. D. Vekic 6-2 7-6(6) [2] J. Ostapenko d. [1] B. Krejckikova 7-6(8) 6-4	C. Garcia / L. Stefani d. K. Siniakova / M. Vondrousova 4-6 7-6(8) 10-4 [2] M. Kostyuk / B. Krejckikova d. [3] S. Hunter / A. Parks 6-2 7-6(7)
June 26	WTA 500 WTA 250	Eastbourne Bad Homburg	M. Keys d. [9] D. Kasatkina 6-2 7-6(13) K. Siniakova d. L. Bronzetti 6-2 7-6(5)	[3] D. Krawczyk / D. Schuurs d. [2] N. Melichar-Martinez 6-2 6-4 L. Marozava / I. Gamarra Martins d.E. Hozumi / M. Nivulescu 6-0 7-6(3)
July 3 July 17	GS WTA 250 WTA 250	Wimbledon Budapest Palermo	M.Vondrousova d. O. Jabeur 6-4 6-4 [LL] M. Timofeeva d. K. Baidn 6-3 3-6 6-0 [2/WC] Q. Zheng d. [5] J.Paolini 4-6 6-1 1-6	B. Stycova/S. Hsieh d. [3] S. Hunter/E. Mertens 7-5 6-4 K. Piter/F. Stollar d. J. Aney/A. Siskova 6-2 4-6 10-6 [1] Y. Sizikova/K. Zimmermann/ A. Moratelli/C. Rosatello 6-2 6-4
July 24	WTA 250 WTA 250 WTA 250	Hamburg Warsaw Lausanne	[7] A. Rus d. [WC] N. Noha Akugue 6-0 7-6(3) [1] I. Swiatek d. L. Siegemund 6-0 6-1 [2] E. Cocciaretto d. C. Burel 7-5 4-6 6-4	[1] A. Danilina/A. Panova d. [2] M. Kolodziejova/A. Kulikov 6-4 6-2 H. Waston/Y. Wickmayer d. W. Falkowska/K. Piter 6-4 6-4 [3] A. Bondar/D. Parry d. A. Anshba/A. Detiuc 6-2 6-1
July 31	WTA 500 WTA 250	Washington DC Prague	[3] C. Gauff d. [4] M. Sakkari 6-2 6-3 [LL] N. Hibino d. [4] L. Noskova 6-4 6-1	L. Siegemund/V. Zvonareva d. A. Guarachi/M. Niculescu 6-4 6-4 N. Hibino/ O. Kalashnikova d. Q. Gleason/ E. Lechemia 6-7(7) 7-5 10-3
Aug 7	WTA 1000	Montreal	[4] J. Pegula d. [15] L. Samsonova 6-1 6-0	[7] S. Aoyama/E. Shibahara d. [5] D. Krawczyk/D. Schuurs 6-4 4-6 13-11