



PREVIEW NOTES

Hana Bank Korea Open
Seoul, Korea

Oct.9-15, 2023 | WTA 250 | \$259,303



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Hana Bank Korea Open – Quick Facts

Main draw dates: Monday, Oct 9 – Sunday, Oct 15, 2023
Singles Final: Sunday, Oct 15 at 3PM
Doubles Final: Sunday, Oct 15 at 12:30PM
Venue: Olympic Tennis Courts
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 19th Edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard / Outdoor
Tennis Ball: Wilson US Open (Regular Duty)

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	34,228	280
Runner-Up	20,226	180
Semifinalist	11,275	110
Quarterfinalist	6,417	60
Round of 16	4,220	30
Round of 32	2,930	1
Qualified	-	18

DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	12,447	280
Runner-Up	7,000	180
Semifinalist	4,020	110
Quarterfinalist	2,400	60
Round of 16	1,848	1

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Jessica Pegula (USA), Na-Lae Han (KOR), Dayeon Back (KOR)

Youngest singles player: Ashlyn Krueger (19)

Oldest singles player: Yanina Wickmayer (33)

- The WTA Hologic Tour returns to Seoul for the 19th edition of the Hana Bank Korea Open.
- Six of the Top 50 players are making an appearance this year at Seoul.
- The field is lead by the World No.4 and a confirmed GNP Seguros WTA Finals Cancun qualifier in singles and doubles, **Jessica Pegula**. She is set to face Viktoria Hrucakova in the opening round.
- Seed No.2, **Jelena Ostapenko**, returns to the Hana Bank Korea Open for the 4th time having lifted the title here in 2017 and reached the final last year. She is set to face the local representative and a wild card receiver, **Dayeon Back**, in the 1r.
- Last year's champion, **Ekaterina Alexandrova**, returns to Seoul as seed No.3 and is set to face Mai Hontama in her opening round. Alexandrova owns 11 wins here at Soul, she is tied at No.3 (w/ Koukalova) for most match wins at the tournament, just behind Kirilenko (17) and Begu (12).
- In the 18 editions of the tournament, no player has defended or lifted the singles title twice, **Jelena Ostapenko** and **Ekaterina Alexandrova** have the chance of becoming first players to do so.
- Two-time doubles champions, **Ji-Hee Choi** and **Na Lee Han**, return to the tournament, however with different partners on this occasion. Choi has teamed up with Sohyun Park and Han with Su Jeong Jang.



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TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY*	W/L	WIN %
[1] Jessica Pegula (USA)	1r (1): 2019 (l. Bonacenture)	0-1	.000
[2] Jelena Ostapenko (LAT)	Champion (1): 2017 (d. Haddad Maia in final) R-Up (1): 2022 (l. Alexandrova) 2r (1): 2018 (l. Alexandrova) 1r (1): 2019 (l. Babos)	10-3	.769
[3] Ekaterina Alexandrova	Champion (1): 2022 (d. Ostapenko in final) SF (1): 2019 (l. Linette) QF (1): 2018 (l. Su-Wei Hsieh) 2r (1): 2017 (l. Kumkhum)	11-3	.785
[4] Marie Bouzkova (CZE)	<i>First appearance</i>	-	-

*main draw only

RECENT FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
2022	[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova	[1] Jelena Ostapenko	7-6(4) 6-0	Wickmayer/Mladenovic
2021	[2] Zhu Lin	[1] K. Mladenovic	6-0 6-4	Han/Choi
2019	[3] Karolina Muchova	[4] Magda Linette	6-1 6-1	Maria/Arruabarrena
2018	[2] Kiki Bertens	Ajla Tomljanovic	7-6(2) 4-6 6-2	Han/Choi
2017	[1] Jelena Ostapenko	Beatriz Haddad Maia	6(5)-7 6-1 6-4	Larsson/Berten

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Including qualifiers, a total of 17 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by United States of America with 8 players:

Argentina (1)	Nadia Podoroska
Australia (1)	Kimberly Birrell
Belgium (1)	Yanina Wickmayer
Brazil (1)	Laura Pigossi
Czech Republic (1)	Marie Bouzkova
China (1)	Yuan Yue
Germany (1)	Eva Lys
Great Britain (1)	Katie Boulter
Japan (1)	Mai Hontama
Korea (South) (4)	Dayeon Back, Na-Lee Han, Su Jeong Jang, Yeonwoo Ku



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Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Liechtenstein (1)	Kathinka Von Deichmann
Netherlands (2)	Arantxa Rus, Arianne Hartono
Slovakia (2)	Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, Viktoria Hrucakova
Slovenia (1)	Kaja Juvan
Taipei (1)	En-Shuo Liang
USA (8)	Alycia Parks, Ashlyn Krueger, Claire Liu, Emina Bektas, Jessica Pegula, Kayla Day, Sachia Vickery, Sofia Kenin

Ekaterina Alexandrova, Irina Khromacheva, Paolina Kudermetova

A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (4):** Elena Rybakina (January 30); Beatriz Haddad Maia (June 12); Marketa Vondrousova (July 17); Karolina Muchova (Aug 21)
- **Most aces in a match (21):** Rebecca Marino (d. Emina Bektas at Birmingham)
- **Most singles titles (5):** Swiatek (Doha, Stuttgart, Roland Garros, Warsaw, Beijing)
- **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 (4):** Barbora Krejckikova (Australian Open, Indian Wells, Birmingham, San Diego)
- **Longest Match (3h 51m):** Beatriz Haddad Maia d. Sara Sorribes Tormo 6-7(3) 6-3 7-5 (Roland Garros)
- **Singles & Doubles Titles – Same Event:** Nao Hibino (Prague), Barbora Krejckikova (San Diego)

2023 WTA TOUR FINALS

WEEK OF	LEVEL	TOURNAMENT	SINGLES FINAL	DOUBLES FINAL
Jan 2	WTA 500	Adelaide 1	[2] A. Sabalenka d [Q] L. Noskova 63 76(4)	[6] A. Muhammad/T. Townsend d [1] S. Hunter/K. Siniakova 62 76(2)
	WTA 250	Auckland Open	[1] C. Gauff d [Q] R. Masarova 61 61	[2] M. Kato/A. Sutjiadi d L. Fernandez/B. Mattek-Sands 16 75 10-4
Jan 9	WTA 500	Adelaide 2	[8] B. Bencic d [5] D. Kasatkina 60 62	L. Stefani/T. Townsend d A. Pavlyuchenkova/E. Rybakina 75 76(3)
	WTA 250	Hobart	[Q] L. Davis d E. Cocciaretto 76(0) 62	[1] K. Flipkens/L. Siegemund d V. Golubic/P. Udvardy 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	Hua Hin	L. Zhu d L. Tsurenko 64 64	H. Chan/F. Wu d X. Wang/L. Zhu 61 76(6)
	WTA 250	Lyon	A. Parks d [1] C. Garcia 76(7) 75	C. Bucsa/B. Schoofs d O. Danilovic/A. Panova 76(5) 63
Feb 6	WTA 500	Abu Dhabi	[2] B. Bencic d [8] L. Samsonova 16 76(8) 64	L. Stefani/S. Zhang d S. Aoyama/H. Chan 36 62 10-8
	WTA 250	Linz	[8] A. Potapova d [6] P. Martic 63 61	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	Dubai	B. Krejckikova d [1] I. Swiatek 6-4 6-2	V. Kudermetova/L. Samsonova d H. Chan/L. Chan 6-4 6-7(4) 10-1
	WTA 250	Merida	C. Giorgi d [Q] R. Peterson 7-6(3) 1-6 6-2	C. McNally/D. Parry d X. Wang/F. Wu 6-0 7-5
Feb 27	WTA 250	Austin	[8] M. Kostyuk d V. Gracheva 6-3 7-5	[2] E. Routliffe/A. Sutjiadi d [1] N. Melichar-Martinez/E. Perez 6-4 3-6 10-8
	WTA 250	Monterrey	[3] D. Vekic d [1] C. Garcia 6-4 3-6 7-5	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	Charleston	[2] O. Jabeur d. [4] B. Bencic 7-6(6) 6-4	D. Collins/D. Krawczyk d. [1] G. Olmos/E. Shibahara 0-6 6-4 14-12
	WTA 500	Bogotá	[2] T. Maria d. P. Stearns 6-3 2-6 6-4	I. Khromacheva/I. Shymanovich d. O. Kalshnikova/K. Piter 6-1 3-6 10-6



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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	Strasbourg	E. Svitolina d. B. Blinkova 6-2 6-3	[4]Y.Xu /Z. Yang d. [2] D. Krawczyk / G. Olmos 6-3 6-2
	WTA 250	Rabat	L. Bronzetti d. J. Grabher 6-4 5-7 7-5	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	Nottingham	[WC] K. Boulter d. J. Burrage 6-3 6-3	U. Eikeri/I. Neel d. [WC] H. Dart/H. Watson 7-6(6) 5-7 10-8
	WTA 250	's-Hertogenbosch	[4] E. Alexandrova d. [1] V. Kudermetova 4-6 6-4 7-6(3)	S. Aoyama/E. Shibahara d. V. Hrucakova/T. Mihalikova 6-3 6-3
June 19	WTA 500	Berlin	[7] P. Kvitova d. D. Vekic 6-2 7-6(6)	C. Garcia / L. Stefani d. K. Siniakova / M. Vondrousova 4-6 7-6(8) 10-4
	WTA 250	Birmingham	[2] J. Ostapenko d. [1] B. Krejcikova 7-6(8) 6-4	[2] M. Kostyuk / B. Krejcikova d. [3] S. Hunter / A. Parks 6-2 7-6(7)
June 26	WTA 500	Eastbourne	M. Keys d. [9] D. Kasatkina 6-2 7-6(13)	[3] D. Krawczyk / D. Schuurs d. [2] N. Melichar-Martinez 6-2 6-4
	WTA 250	Bad Homburg	K. Siniakova d. L. Bronzetti 6-2 7-6(5)	L. Marozava / I. Gamarra Martins d.E. Hozumi / M. Nivulescu 6-0 7-6(3)
July 3	GS	Wimbledon	M.Vondrousova d. O. Jabeur 6-4 6-4	B. Stycova/S. Hsieh d. [3] S. Hunter/E. Mertens 7-5 6-4
July 17	WTA 250	Budapest	[LL] M. Timofeeva d. K. Baidl 6-3 3-6 6-0	K. Piter/F. Stollar d. J. Aney/A. Siskova 6-2 4-6 10-6
	WTA 250	Palermo	[2/WC] Q. Zheng d. [5] J.Paolini 4-6 6-1 1-6	[1] Y. Sizikova/K. Zimmermann/ A. Moratelli/C. Rosatello 6-2 6-4
July 24	WTA 250	Hamburg	[7] A. Rus d. [WC] N. Noha Akugue 6-0 7-6(3)	[1] A. Danilina/A. Panova d. [2] M. Kolodziejova/A. Kulikov 6-4 6-2
	WTA 250	Warsaw	[1] I. Swiatek d. L. Siegemund 6-0 6-1	H. Waston/Y. Wickmayer d. W. Falkowska/K. Piter 6-4 6-4
	WTA 250	Lausanne	[2] E. Cocciaretto d. C. Burel 7-5 4-6 6-4	[3] A. Bondar/D. Parry d. A. Anshba/A. Detiuc 6-2 6-1
July 31	WTA 500	Washington DC	[3] C. Gauff d. [4] M. Sakkari 6-2 6-3	L. Siegemund/V. Zvonareva d. A. Guarachi/M. Niculescu 6-4 6-4
	WTA 250	Prague	[LL] N. Hibino d. [4] L. Noskova 6-4 6-1	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
Aug 14	WTA 1000	Cincinnati	[7] C. Gauff d. K. Muchova 6-3 6-4	A. Parks/T. Townsend d. [3] N. Melichar-Martinez/E. Perez 6-7(1) 6-4 10-6
Aug 21	WTA 250	Cleveland	[LL] S. Sorribes Tormo d. [4] E. Alexandrova 3-6 6-4 6-4	M. Kato/A. Sutjiadi d. [2] N. Melichar-Martinez/E. Perez 6-4 6-7(4) 10-8
Aug 28	GS	US Open	[6] C.Gauff d. [2] A. Sabalenka 26 63 62	[16] G. Dabrowski/E. Routliffe V [12] V. Zvonareva/ L. Siegemund
Sep 11	WTA 500	San Diego	[WC] B.Krejcikova d. [WC] S. Kenin 6-2 2-6 6-4	[1] B.Krejcikova/K.Siniakova d. [WC] D.Collins/C.Vandeweghe 6-1 6-4
	WTA 250	Osaka	A.Krueger d. [1] L. Zhu 6-3 7-6 (6)	A.Friedsam/N.Kichenok d. K.Kalinskaya/Y.Putintseva 7-6(3) 6-3
Sep 18	WTA 250	Guangzhou	Xiy. Wang d. [1] M. Linette 6-0 6-2	H. Guo/X. Jiang d. [2] d. [2] E. Hozumi / M. Ninomiya 6-3 7-6(4)
	WTA 1000	Guadalajara	C. Dolehide v. [2] M. Sakkari	[1] E. Mertens/S. Hunter d. [3] G. Dabrowski/E. Routliffe 3-6 6-2 10-4
Sep 25	WTA 500	Tokyo	[8] V. Kudermetova d. [2] J. Pegula 7-5 6-1	U.Eikeri/I. Neel d. E. Hozumi / M. Ninomiya 3-5 7-5 10-5
	WTA 250	Ningbo	[1] O. Jabuer d. D. Shnaider 6-2 6-1	[1] L. Siegemund / V. Zvonareva d. H. Guo / X. Jiang 4-6 6-3 10-5
Sep 30	WTA 1000	Beijing	[2] I. Swiatek d. L. Samsonova 6-2 6-2	M. Bouzkova / S. Sorribes Tormo d. H. Chan / G. Olmos 3-6 6-0 10-4