



# PREVIEW NOTES

## HOBART INTERNATIONAL

### HOBART, AUSTRALIA



January 9-14, 2023 | WTA 250 | \$259,303

**WTA Website:** [www.wtatennis.com](http://www.wtatennis.com) | @WTA | facebook.com/wta  
**Tournament Website:** [www.hobartinternational.com.au](http://www.hobartinternational.com.au) | @HobartTennis  
**Communications:** Alex Prior ([aprior@wtatennis.com](mailto:aprior@wtatennis.com))

## HOBART INTERNATIONAL – QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** Monday, January 9-14, 2023  
**Singles Final:** Saturday, January 14, 2023, 1pm  
**Doubles Final:** Saturday, January 14, 2023, after singles final  
**Venue:** Domain Tennis Centre  
**Status:** WTA 250  
**Staging:** 28th year  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Hard / Outdoors (Greenset Acrylic)  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop Australian Open

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	34,228	280
Runner-Up	20,226	180
Semifinalist	11,275	110
Quarterfinalist	6,418	60
Round of 16	3,922	30
Round of 32	2,804	1

## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

**Wildcards:** Olivia Gadecki, Talia Gibson, Sofia Kenin, Sloane Stephens

**Youngest singles player:** Talia Gibson (18)

**Oldest singles player:** Tatjana Maria (35)

- The field is led by No.1 seed **Marie Bouzkova**, who enters 2023 at a career-high ranking of No.24, having last season lifted her maiden WTA singles title and advanced to the last eight at Wimbledon. She opens her challenge against **Jaqueline Cristian**
- The No.2 seed this week is two-time Hobart champion **Elise Mertens**. In three previous visits to Tasmania, the Belgian has won 14 of 15 matches (including in qualifying) and will face a qualifier of lucky loser in the first round
- Two other former winners in attendance are wildcard **Sofia Kenin** and No.3 seed **Alizé Cornet**, the latter returning to the Domain Tennis Centre for the seventh time, having made her debut back in 2010
- Kenin's compatriot and fellow major winner **Sloane Stephens** also received a wildcard, along with two Australians, WTA debutante **Talia Gibson** and **Olivia Gadecki**
- *One to Watch* – **Ysaline Bonaventure**. After years of knocking on the door, Bonaventure finally gained entry into the Top 100 last November, thanks to an impressive run of 15 wins in 20 matches to finish the campaign. She has carried on from where she left off at the start of the new season, coming through qualifying to reach her maiden WTA semifinal at Auckland, upsetting Leylah Fernandez along the way



# PREVIEW NOTES

## HOBART INTERNATIONAL HOBART, AUSTRALIA



January 9-14, 2023 | WTA 250 | \$259,303

### TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Marie Bouzkova (CZE)	<b>1r (1): 2020</b> (l. Bellis)	0-1	.000
[2] Elise Mertens (BEL)	<b>WON (2):</b> 2017 (d. Niculescu in F), 2018 (d. Buzarnescu in F) <b>QF (1):</b> 2020 (l. Watson)	11-1	.917
[3] Alizé Cornet (FRA)	<b>Won (1):</b> 2016 (d. Bouchard in F) <b>SF (1):</b> 2019 (l. eventual champion Kenin) <b>2r (2):</b> 2020 (l. Rybakina), 2010 (l. Bondarenko) <b>1r (2):</b> 2018 (l. Buzarnescu), 2013 (l. Scheepers)	10-5	.667
[4] Anhelina Kalinina (UKR)	<b>Tournament debut</b>	-	-

*\*Main draw matches only*

### COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 14 countries and regions are represented in the main draw led by the United States with five players:

<b>Australia (2)</b>	Olivia Gadecki, Talia Gibson
<b>Belgium (3)</b>	Ysaline Bonaventure, Elise Mertens, Alison Van Uytvanck
<b>Canada (1)</b>	Rebecca Marino
<b>China (1)</b>	Zhu Lin
<b>Czech Republic (1)</b>	Marie Bouzkova
<b>Egypt (1)</b>	Mayar Sherif
<b>France (1)</b>	Alizé Cornet
<b>Germany (2)</b>	Tatjana Maria, Laura Siegemund
<b>Italy (3)</b>	Lucia Bronzetti, Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Jasmine Paolini
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Yulia Putintseva
<b>Poland (1)</b>	Magda Linette
<b>Romania (2)</b>	Jaqueline Cristian, Patricia Maria Tig
<b>Ukraine (1)</b>	Anhelina Kalinina
<b>United States (5)</b>	Madison Brengle, Sofia Kenin, Claire Liu, Bernarda Pera, Sloane Stephens



# PREVIEW NOTES

## HOBART INTERNATIONAL

### HOBART, AUSTRALIA

January 9-14, 2023 | WTA 250 | \$259,303



## A SNAPSHOT OF LAST SEASON

- Thirty-five different players won a WTA singles title last year
- **Iga Swiatek** led the way in terms of singles titles won, with eight to her name (Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Stuttgart, Rome, Roland-Garros, US Open, San Diego), followed by **Caroline Garcia** with four (Bad Homburg, Warsaw, Cincinnati, WTA Finals) and **Liudmila Samsonova** with three (Washington DC, Cleveland, Tokyo).
- The WTA crowned eight first-time title winners in 2022: **Anastasia Potapova** (Istanbul), **Martina Trevisan** (Rabat), **Beatriz Haddad Maia** (Nottingham), **Bernarda Pera** (Budapest), **Marie Bouzkova** (Prague), **Linda Fruhvirtova** (Chennai), **Mayar Sherif** (Parma) and **Anna Blinkova** (Cluj-Napoca)
- **Liudmila Samsonova** produced the most efficient title run, dropping 18 games at Cleveland
- Two players in 2022 completed a singles-doubles title sweep at the same event – **Ashleigh Barty** at Adelaide (partnering Storm Sanders) and **Beatriz Haddad Maia** at Nottingham (partnering Zhang Shuai)
- The youngest title winner last season was **Linda Fruhvirtova** at Chennai (17 years, 141 days) and the oldest was **Tatjana Maria** at Bogotá (34 years, 245 days)
- **Tatjana Maria** was also the lowest-ranked title winner in 2022, having been ranked No.237 when she triumphed in Bogotá
- Five qualifiers won a WTA title last season, **Tatjana Maria** (Bogotá), **Anastasia Potapova** (Istanbul), **Bernarda Pera** (Budapest), **Caroline Garcia** (Cincinnati) and **Anna Blinkova** (Cluj-Napoca)
- The top seed prevailed at nine events in 2022, while 20 unseeded players captured a title
- In the longest match in terms of time spent on court, **Sara Sorribest Tormo** took 3 hours and 54 minutes to defeat **Camila Osorio** in the first round at Cleveland
- Twenty-one singles championship matches were decided in three-sets in 2022
- **Katerina Siniakova** claimed the most doubles titles with six (Australian Open, Wimbledon and US Open all w/Barbora Krejckova, Melbourne Summer Set w/Bernarda Pera, Berlin w/Storm Sanders and Monastir w/Kristina Mladenovic)
- **Iga Swiatek** owned the longest unbeaten streak in 2022, winning 37 matches on the spin from February to June. This included title runs at Doha, Indian Wells, Miami, Stuttgart, Rome and Roland Garros
- **Iga Swiatek** also owned the most Top-10 wins with 15
- **Iga Swiatek** led the Tour for most match wins in 2022, with 67 (including two in the Billie Jean King Cup), followed by **Ons Jabeur** with 47 and **Jessica Pegula** with 41
- Five players made their Top-10 debuts in 2022: **Danielle Collins** (January 31), **Jessica Pegula** (June 6), **Emma Raducanu** (July 11), **Coco Gauff** (September 12) and **Veronika Kudermetova** (October 24)
- **Caroline Garcia** hit the most aces last year with 394 with **Elena Rybakina** at 370.

# HOBART

## PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS

TOURNAMENT RND	WINNER OPPONENT			SCORE		RANK	SEED
2020 HOBART 18 JAN 2020	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$251,750 (\$275,000)	
Singles	RYBAKINA, ELENA KAZ					30	3
F	def ZHANG, SHUAI CHN			7-6(7) 6-3		40	4
Doubles	KICHENOK N. UKR / MIRZA S. IND						
F	def PENG S. CHN / ZHANG S. CHN			6-4 6-4		80	2
2019 HOBART 12 JAN 2019	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$226,750 (\$250,000)	
Singles	KENIN, SOFIA USA					56	
F	def SCHMIEDLOVA, ANNA KAROLINA SVK			6-3 6-0		77	
Doubles	CHAN H. TPE / CHAN L. TPE					43	1
F	def FLIPKENS K. BEL / LARSSON J. SWE			6-3 3-6 10-6		72	4
2018 HOBART 13 JAN 2018	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$226,750 (\$250,000)	
Singles	MERTENS, ELISE BEL					36	2
F	def BUZARNESCU, MIHAELA ROU			6-1 4-6 6-3		57	
Doubles	MERTENS E. BEL / SCHUURS D. NED					78	3
F	def KICHENOK L. UKR / NINOMIYA M. JPN			6-2 6-2		97	4
2017 HOBART 14 JAN 2017	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$226,750 (\$250,000)	
Singles	MERTENS, ELISE BEL					127	
F	def NICULESCU, MONICA ROU			6-3 6-1		40	3
Doubles	OLARU R. ROU / SAVCHUK O. UKR					122	
F	def DABROWSKI G. CAN / YANG Z. CHN			0-6 6-4 10-5		97	3
2016 HOBART 16 JAN 2016	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$226,750 (\$250,000)	
Singles	CORNET, ALIZÉ FRA					42	7
F	def BOUCHARD, EUGENIE CAN			6-1 6-2		47	
Doubles	HAN X. CHN / MCHALE C. USA					365	
F	def BIRRELL K. AUS / WOLFE J. AUS			6-3 6-0		771	
2015 HOBART 17 JAN 2015	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$226,750 (\$250,000)	
Singles	WATSON, HEATHER GBR					49	
F	def BRENGLE, MADISON USA			6-3 6-4		84	
Doubles	BERTENS K. NED / LARSSON J. SWE					383	
F	def DIATCHENKO V. RUS / NICULESCU M. R			7-5 6-3		195	
2014 HOBART 11 JAN 2014	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$226,750 (\$250,000)	
Singles	MUGURUZA, GARBINE ESP					58	
F	def ZAKOPALOVA, KLARA CZE			6-4 6-0		37	7
Doubles	NICULESCU M. ROU / ZAKOPALOVA K. C					124	
F	def RAYMOND L. USA / ZHANG S. CHN			6-2 6-7(5) 10-8		84	2
2013 HOBART 12 JAN 2013	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$235,000 (\$235,000)	
Singles	VESNINA, ELENA RUS					68	
F	def BARTHEL, MONA GER			6-3 6-4		32	9
Doubles	MUGURUZA G. ESP / TORRO-FLOR M. ES						
F	def BABOS T. HUN / MINELLA M. LUX			6-3 7-6(5)		161	

# HOBART

## PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS

TOURNAMENT RND	WINNER OPPONENT			SCORE		RANK	SEED
2012 HOBART 14 JAN 2012	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$220,000 (\$220,000)	
Singles	BARTHEL, MONA GER					64	
F	def WICKMAYER, YANINA BEL			6-1 6-2		29	1
Doubles	BEGU I. ROU / NICULESCU M. ROU					116	4
F	def CHUANG C. TPE / ERAKOVIC M. NZL			6-7(4) 7-6(4) 10-5		103	3
2011 HOBART 15 JAN 2011	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$220,000 (\$220,000)	
Singles	GROTH, JARMILA AUS					40	6
F	def MATTEK-SANDS, BETHANIE USA			6-4 6-3		59	
Doubles	ERRANI S. ITA / VINCI R. ITA					72	3
F	def BONDARENKO K. UKR / DEKMEIJERE L.			6-3 7-5		187	
2010 HOBART 16 JAN 2010	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$220,000 (\$220,000)	
Singles	BONDARENKO, ALONA UKR					32	4
F	def PEER, SHAHAR ISR			6-2 6-4		30	2
Doubles	CHUANG C. TPE / PESCHKE K. CZE					53	
F	def CHAN Y. TPE / NICULESCU M. ROU			3-6 6-3 10-7		83	
2009 HOBART 16 JAN 2009	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$220,000 (\$220,000)	
Singles	KVITOVA, PETRA CZE					49	
F	def BENESOVA, IVETA CZE			7-5 6-1		41	
Doubles	DULKO G. ARG / PENNETTA F. ITA					150	
F	def BONDARENKO A. UKR / BONDARENKO K.			6-2 7-6(4)		21	1
2008 HOBART 11 JAN 2008	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$170,000 (\$170,000)	
Singles	DANIILIDOU, ELENI GRE					42	
F	def ZVONAREVA, VERA RUS			DEF		23	2
Doubles	MEDINA GARRIGUES A. ESP / RUANO PASC					55	2
F	def DANIILIDOU E. GRE / WOEHR J. GER			6-2 6-4		115	
2007 HOBART 13 JAN 2007	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$170,000 (\$170,000)	
Singles	CHAKVETADZE, ANNA RUS					13	1
F	def BARDINA, VASILISA RUS			6-3 7-6(3)		70	
Doubles	LIKHOVTSEVA E. / VESNINA, E.					73	4
F	def MEDINA GARRIGUES A. / RUANO PASCUAL,			2-6 6-1 6-2		29	1
2006 HOBART 13 JAN 2006	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$145,000 (\$145,000)	
Singles	KRAJICEK, MICHAELLA NED					60	
F	def BENESOVA, IVETA CZE			6-2 6-1		47	5
Doubles	LOIT E. FRA / PRATT, N. AUS					62	1
F	def CRAYBAS J. USA / KOSTANIC, J. CRO			6-2 6-1		172	5
2005 HOBART 14 JAN 2005	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$110,000 (\$110,000)	
Singles	ZHENG, JIE CHN					82	
F	def DULKO, GISELA ARG			6-2 6-0		34	2
Doubles	YAN Z. CHN / ZHENG, J. CHN					65	1
F	def MEDINA GARRIGUES A. / SAFINA, D.			6-4 7-5		107	2

# HOBART

## PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS

TOURNAMENT RND	WINNER OPPONENT			SCORE		RANK	SEED
2004 HOBART 16 JAN 2004	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$110,000 (\$110,000)	
Singles	FRAZIER, AMY USA					68	
F	def ASAGOE, SHINOBU JPN			6-3 6-3		49	6
Doubles	ASAGOE S. JPN / OKAMOTO, S. JPN					291	
F	def CALLENS E. BEL / SCHETT, B. AUT			2-6 6-4 6-3		68	1
2003 HOBART 12 JAN 2003	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$110,000 (\$110,000)	
Singles	MOLIK, ALICIA AUS					96	
F	def FRAZIER, AMY USA			6-2 4-6 6-4		42	2
Doubles	BLACK C. ZIM / LIKHOVTSEVA, E. RUS					19	1
F	def SCHETT B. AUT / WARTUSCH, P. AUT			7-5 7-6(1)		64	2
2002 HOBART 13 JAN 2002	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$110,000 (\$110,000)	
Singles	SUCHA, MARTINA SVK					68	
F	def MEDINA GARRIGUES, ANABEL ESP			7-6(7) 6-1		64	
Doubles	GARBIN T. ITA / GRANDE, R. ITA					94	3
F	def BARCLAY C. AUS / WHEELER, C. AUS			6-2 7-6(3)		608	
2001 HOBART 14 JAN 2001	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$110,000 (\$110,000)	
Singles	GRANDE, RITA ITA					84	
F	def HOPKINS, JENNIFER USA			0-6 6-3 6-3		85	
Doubles	BLACK C. ZIM / LIKHOVTSEVA, E. RUS					32	1
F	def DRAGOMIR R. / RUANO PASCUAL, V.			6-4 6-1		55	3
2000 HOBART 16 JAN 2000	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$110,000 (\$110,000)	
Singles	CLIJSTERS, KIM					43	
F	def RUBIN, CHANDA R			2-6 6-2 6-2		21	4
Doubles	GRANDE, RITA / LOIT, EMILIE					109	4
F	def CLIJSTERS, KIM / MOLIK, ALICIA			6-2 2-6 6-3		209	
1999 HOBART 17 JAN 1999	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$112,500 (\$112,500)	
Singles	RUBIN, CHANDA R					31	5
F	def GRANDE, RITA			6-2 6-3		59	
Doubles	DE SWARDT, MARIAAN / TATARKOVA, ELENA					38	1
F	def DECHAUME-BALLERET, ALEX / LOIT, EMILIE			6-1 6-2		170	
1998 HOBART 18 JAN 1998	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$107,500 (\$107,500)	
Singles	SCHNYDER, PATTY					26	2
F	def VAN ROOST, DOMINIQUE			6-3 6-2		18	1
Doubles	RUANO PASCUAL, VIRGINI / SUAREZ, PAOLA					148	
F	def HALARD-DECUGIS, JU / HUSAROVA, JANETTE			7-6(6) 6-3		336	
1997 HOBART 12 JAN 1997	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$107,500 (\$107,500)	
Singles	VAN ROOST, DOMINIQUE					49	
F	def WERDEL WITMEYER, MARIANNE			6-3 6-3		55	
Doubles	KIJIMUTA, NAOKO / MIYAGI, NANA					64	2
F	def VAN ROOST, DOMINIQU / RITTNER, BARBARA			6-3 6-1		160	

# HOBART

## PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS

TOURNAMENT RND	WINNER OPPONENT			SCORE			RANK	SEED
1996 HOBART 14 JAN 1996	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$107,500 (\$107,500)		
Singles	HALARD-DECUGIS, JULIE						44	
F	def ENDO, MANA			6-1 6-2			77	
Doubles	BASUKI, YAYUK / NAGATSUKA, KYOKO						96	2
F	def GUSE, KERRY-ANNE / PARK, SUNG-HEE			7-6(7) 6-3			143	
1995 HOBART 15 JAN 1995	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$107,500 (\$107,500)		
Singles	MESKHI, LEILA						33	5
F	def LI, FANG			6-2 6-3			67	
Doubles	NAGATSUKA, KYOKO / SUGIYAMA, AI						125	
F	def BOLLEGRAF, MANON / NEILAND, LARISA			2-6 6-4 6-2			20	1
1994 HOBART 16 JAN 1994	AUSTRALIA	WTA	HARD OUTDOOR	Draw Sngl Draw Dbl	32 16	Prize USD \$100,000 (\$100,000)		
Singles	ENDO, MANA						48	6
F	def MCQUILLAN, RACHEL			6-1 6-7(1) 6-4			110	
Doubles	WILD, LINDA / RUBIN, CHANDA R						91	4
F	def BYRNE, JENNY / MCQUILLAN, RACHEL			7-5 4-6 7-6(1)			120	