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LIVESPORT PRAQUE OPEN RAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

July 31 – Aug 6, 2023 | WTA 250 | \$259,303



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Livesport Prague Open – Quick Facts

Main draw dates: Monday, July 31 – Sunday, Aug 6, 2023
Singles Final: Sunday, Aug 6, 1pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, Aug 6 following singles final
Venue: TK Sparta Praha
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 9th Edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard / Outdoor
Tennis Ball: Wilson US Open Extra Duty

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	34,228	280
Runner-Up	20,226	180
Semifinalist	11,276	110
Quarterfinalist	6,418	60
Round of 16	3,920	30
Round of 32	2,804	1
Qualified	-	18

DOUBLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	122,447	280
Runner-Up	7,000	180
Semifinalist	4,020	110
Quarterfinalist	2,400	60
Round of 16	1,848	1

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Lucie Havlickova(CZE), Barbora Palicova (CZE),

Tereza Martincova (CZE)

Youngest singles player: Lucie Havlickova (18)

Oldest singles player: Kaia Kanepi (38)

- The WTA Hologic Tour returns to the hard courts this week for Livesport Prague Open (being held in parallel with the Mubadala Citi DC Open in Washington DC)
- The 9th edition of the Livesport Prague Open is led by No.1 seed and defending champion **Marie Bouzkova**, who is going to face Romania's **Jaqueline Cristian** in the first round
- China's **Zhu Lin**, as No.2 seed, will take on **Yania Wickmayer** in the opening round
- 2018 semifinalist **Zhang Shuai** returns, seeded at No. 3, and herwill be facing compatriot **Yuan Yue** in opening round
- This is the third edition of the tournament being played on hard courts rather than on clay, starting from 2021 season
- Wild cards are granted to home players **Lucie Havlickova**, **Barbora Palicova** and **Tereza Martincova**
- **One to Watch – Linda Noskova**. The 18-year-old has been in fine form this season, sitting at No. 71 in the WTA rankings. She started the year by reaching the final in Adelaide (l. Sabalenka in F) and advancing to QF in Lyon, which led to her jump in rankings to No. 50 on Feb 6, 2023, her first time in her career breaking into Top 50. Last week in Warsaw she reached herthird QF of 2023 season (l. No.1 Swiatek). The second youngest player in this year's Prague field and last year's semifinalist, Noskova is looking to improve her result on home soil.



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TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY*	W/L	WIN %
[1] Marie Bouzkova (CZE)	Won (1): 2022 (d. Potapova in F) 2r (3): 2021 (l. Hunter), 2019 (l. Lottner)	5-2	.714
[2] Lin Zhu (CHN)	2r (1): 2022 (l. Potapova)	1-1	.500
[3] Shuai Zhang (CHN)	SF (1): 2018 (l. eventual champion Kvitova) 2r (1): 2015 (l. Kovinic) 1r (1): 2017 (l. Barthel)	4-3	.571
[4] Linda Noskova (CZE)	SF (1):2022 (l. eventual champion Bouzkova)	3-1	.750

*main draw only

RECENT FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
2022	[8] Marie Bouzkova	[7] Anastasia Potapova	6-0 6-3	Potapova/Sizikova
2021	[2] Barbora Krejckova	[8] Tereza Martincova	6-2 6-0	Bouzkova/Hradecka
2020	[1] Simona Halep	[3] Elise Mertens	6-2 7-5	Hradecka/Kr. Pliskova
2019	Jil Teichmann	Karolina Muchova	7-6(5) 3-6 6-4	Kalinskaya/Kuzmova
2018	[2] Petra Kvitova	[7] Mihaela Buzarnescu	4-6 6-2 6-3	Melichar/Peschke

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 14 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by Czech Republic with 6 players:

Belgium (1)	Yanina Wickmayer
Bulgaria (1)	Viktoriya Tomova
Czech Republic (6)	Marie Bouzkova, Lucie Havlickova, Barbora Palicova, Tereza Martincova, Linda Noskova, Barbora Strycova
China (5)	Xiyu Wang, Xinyu Wang, Yue Yuan, Shuai Zhang, Lin Zhu
Denmark (1)	Clara Tauson
Estonia (1)	Kaia Kanepi
France (1)	Alize Cornet
Germany (2)	Tatjana Maria, Jule Niemeier
Great Britain(1)	Heather Waston
Italy (2)	Sara Errani, Lucrezia Stefanini



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Romania (2) Jaqueline Cristian, Patricia Maria Tig
 Slovakia (1) Anna Karolina Schmiedlova
 Spain (1) Rebeka Masarova
 UKR (1) Kateryna Baindl

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 (47-7), Aryna Sabalenka (40-8), Elena Rybakina (35-9)
- **Most aces in a match (21):** Rebecca Marino (d. Emina Betkas at Birmingham)
- **Most singles titles (4):** Aryna Sabalenka (Adelaide 1, Australian Open, Madrid), Iga Swiatek (Doha, Stuttgart, Roland Garros, Warsaw)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (5):** Iga Swiatek (Doha)
- **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 Krejčíková (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)

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] 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
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	L. Stefani/T. Townsend d A. Pavlyuchenkova/E. Rybakina 75 76(3) [1] K. Flipkens/L. Siegemund d V. Golubic/P. Udvardy 64 75
January 16	GS	Australian Open	[5] A. Sabalenka d [22] E. Rybakina 46 63 64	[1] B. Krejčíková/K. Siniakova d [10] S. Aoyama/E. 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
February 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
February 20	WTA 1000 WTA 250	Dubai Merida	B. Krejčíková 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
February 27	WTA 250 WTA 250	Austin Monterrey	[8] M. Kostyuk d V. Gracheva 6-3 7-5 [3] D. Vekić 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. García d [WC] K. Birrell/F. Contreras Gómez 6-3 5-7 10-5



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March 6	WTA 1000	Indian Wells	[10] E.Rybakina d [2] A.Sabalenka 7-6(11) 6-4	[1] B. Krejckova/K. Siniakova d B. Haddad Maia/L. Siegemund 6-1 6-7(3) 10-7
March 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
April 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
April 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
April 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. Hrucakova/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. Krejckova 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. Krejckova 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. Baidl 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.Watson/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