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BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS ZHENGZOU OPEN

ZHENGZOU, CHINA



OCT 9-15, 2023 | WTA 500 | \$780,637

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2023 ZHENGZOU OPEN – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Saturday, Oct 9 – Sunday, Oct 15, 2023
Singles Final: Sunday, Oct 15, NB 7:30pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, Oct 15, 5:00pm
Venue: Central Plain Tennis Center
Status: WTA 500
Staging: 2nd Edition
Draw sizes: 28 main draw singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard / Outdoor
Tennis Ball: Decoturf / Outdoor Hardcourt

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$120,150	470
Runner-Up	\$74,161	305
Semifinalist	\$43,323	185
Quarterfinalist	\$21,075	100
Round of 16	\$11,500	55
Round of 32	\$8,310	1

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Bai Zhuoxuan (CHN), Guo Hanyu (CHN)

Youngest singles players: Diana Shnaider (19 years, 196 days); Zhuoxuan Bai (20 years, 333 days)

Oldest singles players: Vera Zvonareva (39 years, 38 days); Kateryna Volodko (37 years, 68 days)

- The WTA Hologic Tour comes to Zhengzhou, for the 2nd edition of the Zhengzhou Open.
- With the withdrawals of Coco Gauff (right shoulder) and Elena Rybakina (low back), **Maria Sakkari** is the highest seed (No.3 seed), followed by **Ons Jabeur**, **Caroline Garcia** and **Barbora Krejckova**; the Top 4 seeds all have first round byes.
- The field includes Guadalajara champion **Maria Sakkari**, Ningbo champion **Ons Jabeur**, San Diego champion **Barbora Krejckova** and Tokyo champion **Veronika Kudermetova**. Also in the mix are Beijing finalist **Liudmila Samsonova**, Asian Games gold medalist **Zheng Qinwen**, and Beijing quarterfinalist **Caroline Garcia**.
- At the conclusion of Beijing, the WTA Finals Top 8 qualifiers have been confirmed – Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Swiatek, Coco Gauff, Elena Rybakina, Jessica Pegula, Marketa Vondrousova, Ons Jabeur and Karolina Muchova.
- In doubles, three of the eight teams have been confirmed – **Coco Gauff / Jessica Pegula**, **Storm Hunter / Elise Mertens** and **Barbora Krejckova / Siniakova**. The remaining spots are up for grabs over the final two weeks.
- Three different Chinese women have won titles this year – **Zhu Lin** (Hua Hin), **Zheng Qinwen** (Palermo) and **Wang Xiyu** (Guangzhou) – the first time three Chinese women have won a title in a season.
- The five qualifiers average age is 33.3 years old, the oldest group of qualifiers at a Tour-even in history. – **Ellen Perez** (27), **Lesia Tsurenko** (34), **Laura Siegemund** (35), **Kateryna Volodko** (37), **Noa Hibino** (28) and **Vera Zvonareva** (39) – average age



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TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT & WTA 500 HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	BEST WTA 500 RESULTS
[3] Maria Sakkari	1st appearance	R-Up (4): 2018 San Jose, 2021 Ostrava, 2022 St. Petersburg, 2023 Washington DC
[4] Ons Jabeur	1st appearance	Won (2): 2022 Berlin, 2023 Charleston
[5] Caroline Garcia	R16 (1): 2019	SF (2): 2016 Dubai, 2018 Stuttgart
[7] Barbora Krejckova	1 st appearance	Won (2): 2022 Ostrava, 2023 San Diego

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)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (63-11), Aryna Sabalenka (53-12), Jesscia Pegula (48-17)
- **Most aces in a match (21):** Rebecca Marino (d. Emina Betkas at Birmingham)
- **Most singles titles (4):** Swiatek (Doha, Stuttgart, Roland Garros, Warsaw), Coco Gauff (US Open, Cincinnati, Washington DC, Auckland)
- **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 Krejckova (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 Krejckova (San Diego)

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 12 countries and regions are represented in main draw, led by the China with four:

China (4)	Bai Zhuoxuan, Guo Hanyu, Zheng Qinwen, Zhu Lin
Italy (3)	Lucia Bronzetti, Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Jasmine Paolini
Ukraine (3)	Anhelina Kalinina, Lesia Tsurenko, Kateryna Volodko
Germany (3)	Tamara Korpatsch, Tatjana Maria, Laura Siegemund
Croatia (2)	Petra Martic, Donna Vekic
Japan (2)	Nao Hibino, Moyuka Uchijima
Australia (1)	Ellen Perez
Czech Republic (1)	Barbora Krejckova
France (1)	Caroline Garcia
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Poland (1)	Magda Linette
Tunisia (1)	Ons Jabeur

Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Liudmila Samsonova, Diana Shnaider, Vera Zvonareva



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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. Krejčíková/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. Martić 63 61	N. Dzalamidze/V. Kuzmova d A. Friedsam/N. Kichenok 46 75 12-10
Feb 13	WTA 500	Doha	[1] I. Świątek 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. Krejčíková d [1] I. Świątek 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. Vekić d [1] C. Garcia 6-4 3-6 7-5	Y. Lizarazo/M. García 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. Krejčíková/K. Siniakova d B. Haddad Maia/L. Siegemund 6-1 6-7(3) 10-7
Mar 20	WTA 1000	Miami	[15] P. Kvitová 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
Apr 17	WTA 500	Stuttgart	[1] I. Świątek 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. Świątek 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. Świątek 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. Hrunčáková/T. Mihalikova 6-3 6-3
June 19	WTA 500	Berlin	[7] P. Kvitová d. D. Vekić 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. Krejčíková 7-6(8) 6-4	[2] M. Kostyuk / B. Krejčíková 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
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. Świątek 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
	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



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Sep 11	WTA 500 WTA 250	San Diego Osaka	[WC] B.Krejcikova d. [WC] S. Kenin 6-2 2-6 6-4 A.Krueger d. [1] L. Zhu 6-3 7-6 (6)	[1] B.Krejcikova/K.Siniakova d. [WC] D.Collins/C.Vandeweghe 6-1 6-4 A.Friedsam/N.Kichenok d. K.Kalinskaya/Y.Putintseva 7-6(3) 6-3
Sep 18	WTA 250 WTA 1000	Guangzhou Guadalajara	Xiy. Wang d. [1] M. Linette 6-0 6-2 [2] M. Sakkari d. C. Dolehide 7-5 6-3	H. Guo/X. Jiang d. [2] d. [2] E. Hozumi / M. Ninomiya 6-3 7-6(4) [1] E. Mertens/S. Hunter d. [3] G. Dabrowski/E. Routliffe 3-6 6-2 10-4
Sep 25	WTA 500 WTA 250	Tokyo Ningbo	[8] V.Kudermetova d. [2] J.Pegula 7-5 6-1 [1] O.Jabeur d. D.Shnaider 6-2 6-1	U.Eikeri/I.Neel d. E.Hozumi/M.Ninomiya 3-6 7-5 10-5 [1] L.Siegemund/V.Zvonareva d. H.Guo/X.Jiang 4-6 6-3 10-5
Oct 2	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