

PREVIEW NOTES

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL 2

ADELAIDE, SA, AUSTRALIA



January 9 - January 14, 2023 | WTA 500 | \$780,637

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#### **ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL – QUICK FACTS**

Main draw dates:	Monday, January 9-14, 2023
Singles Final:	Saturday, January 14, 2023, Not Before 4pm
Doubles Final:	Friday, January 13, 2023, 12pm
Venue:	Memorial Drive
Status:	WTA 500
Draw sizes: Surface: Tennis Ball: 2022 Singles Final:	30 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying Hard Court Green / Outdoors Dunlop Australian Open

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	120,150	470
Runner-Up	74,161	305
Semifinalist	43,323	185
Quarterfinalist	20,465	100
Round of 16	11,145	55
Round of 32	7,500	1

#### **TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS**

**Wildcards:** Victoria Azarenka, Jaimee Fourlis, Storm Hunter, Garbiñe Muguruza **Youngest singles player:** Jaimee Fourlis (23) **Oldest singles player:** Victoria Azarenka (33)

- The Adelaide International 2 returns having been upgraded to a WTA 500 event in 2023.
- The tournament is headlined by four of the World's Top 10 **Ons Jabeur** who made a run to the semifinals here last week, 2022 WTA Finals winner, **Caroline Garcia**, **Daria Kasatkina** and **Veronika Kudermetova**
- Five Grand Slam champions are also featured in the draw with wildcards Victoria Azarenka and Garbiñe Muguruza as well as Petra Kvitova, Barbora Krejcikova and the reigning Wimbledon champion, Elena Rybakina
- One to Watch: Irina Camelia-Begu The 32-year-old upset two Top 20 players last week en route to the semifinals here at Memorial Drive. She has jumped almost 30 ranking spots since last year and getting close to her career high of No.22 which she reached in 2016. Begu will face Australian wildcard, Storm Hunter, in the first round and could play the winner of Paula Badosa and Anett Kontaveit in the second round.



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## **TOP SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\***

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %		
[2] Ons Jabeur (TUN)	<b>SF</b> : 2023 (I. Noskova)	2-1	66.6%		
[4] Caroline Garcia (FRA)	<b>1r:</b> 2021 (I. Sevastova)	0-1	0.0%		
[5] Daria Kasatkina	<b>1r:</b> 2020 (as qualifier, I. Bencic); 2023 (I. Noskova)	0-2	0.0%		
[6] Veronika Kudermetova	<b>QF:</b> 2023 (I. Begu) <b>1r:</b> 2021 (I. Rogers)	2-2	50.0%		
*Main draw matches only					

## **COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN**

Excluding qualifiers and lucky losers, a total of 12 countries and regions are represented in the main draw led by Australia, the Czech Republic and Spain with two players each:

Australia (2)	Jaimee Fourlis, Storm Hunter
Brazil (1)	Beatriz Haddad Maia
Czech Republic (2)	Petra Kvitova, Barbora Krejcikova
Estonia (1)	Anett Kontaveit
France (1)	Caroline Garcia
Kazakhstan (1)	Elena Rybakina
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Romania (1)	Irina-Camelia Begu
Spain (2)	Paula Badosa, Garbiñe Muguruza
Switzerland (1)	Belinda Bencic
Tunisia (1)	Ons Jabeur
United States (1)	Danielle Collins

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Ekaterina Alexandrova, Victoria Azarenka, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Liudmila Samsonova



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### **2023 WTA TOUR FINALS**

Week of	Level	Tournament
January 2	WTA 500 WTA 250	Adelaide Int 1 ASB Classic

[Q] L. Noskova vs. [2] A. Sabalenka TBD [1] C. Gauff vs. [Q] R. Masarova TBD

**Singles Final** 

#### **Doubles Final**

[6] Townsend/Muhammed d. [1] Hunter/Siniakova 6-2 7-6(2) [3] Kato/Sutjiadi vs. [WC] Fernandez/Mattek-Sands TBD

## 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 ٠ 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 Sorribes 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 Krejcikova, 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), ٠ 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.