



# PREVIEW NOTES

## Transylvania Open Cluj-Napoca, Romania

October 16 – 22, 2023 | WTA 250 | \$259,303



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### Transylvania Open – QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** Monday, October 16 – Sunday, October 22, 2023  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, October 22, NB 5:30pm  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, October 22, at 3:00pm  
**Venue:** Sala Polivalenta Cluj Napoca  
**Status:** WTA 250  
**Staging:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Hard (Courtsol) / Indoors  
**Tennis Ball:** Wilson Tour Premier All Court

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
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:** Elena-Gabriela Ruse (ROU), Nikola Bartunkova (CZE), Miriam Bulgaru (ROU)

**Youngest singles player:** Nikola Bartunkova (17)

**Oldest singles player:** Kaia Kanepi (38)

- Third edition of the tournament.
- In only its second season, the Transylvania Open was voted the **WTA 250 Tournament of the Year**.
- Home nation player **Sorana Cirstea** will feature as the top seed this year.
- Other standout names in the main draw includes **Alycia Parks, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Kaia Kanepi and Dayana Yastremska**.
- *One to watch* – **Sorana Cirstea**. Cirstea recently reached her second Grand Slam quarterfinal at the US Open in her 53<sup>rd</sup> major appearance; defeated Elena Rybakina and Belinda Bencic en route to the quarters. This season, the Romanian also defeated Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka to reach the WTA 1000 semifinal at Miami.



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## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

A total of fourteen countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by the home nation Romania with six players:

<b>Belgium (2)</b>	Greet Minnen, Yanina Wickmayer
<b>Bulgaria (1)</b>	Viktoriya Tomova
<b>Columbia (1)</b>	Emiliana Arango
<b>Czech Republic (1)</b>	Nikola Bartunkova
<b>Estonia (1)</b>	Kaia Kanepi
<b>France (2)</b>	Leolia Jeanjean, Jessika Ponchet
<b>Germany (4)</b>	Noma Noha Akugue, Anna Lena-Friedsam, Tamara Korpatsch, Eva Lys
<b>Great Britain (1)</b>	Jodie Burrage
<b>Hungary (1)</b>	Anna Bondar
<b>Romania (6)</b>	Ana Bogdan, Miriam Bulgaru, Sorana Cirstea, Jaqueline Cristian, Elena-Gabriela Ruse, Patricia Maria Tig
<b>Spain (1)</b>	Rebeka Masarova
<b>Switzerland (2)</b>	Jil Teichmann, Celine Naef
<b>Ukraine (3)</b>	Kateryna Baidnl, Daria Snigur, Dayana Yastremaska
<b>USA (1)</b>	Alycia Parks

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova

## 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 Betkas at Birmingham)
- **Most singles titles (5):** Swiatek (Doha, Stuttgart, Roland Garros, Warsaw, Beijing), 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 Krejcikova (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 Krejcikova (San Diego)



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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. 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
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. Hrunckakova/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. Krejckikova 7-6(8) 6-4	[2] M. Kostyuk / B. Krejckikova 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. Baindl 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. Daniilina/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



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<b>Sep 11</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	San Diego Osaka	[WC] B.Krejčíková d. [WC] S. Kenin 6-2 2-6 6-4 A.Krueger d. [1] L. Zhu 6-3 7-6 (6)	[1] B.Krejčíková/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
<b>Sep 18</b>	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
<b>Sep 25</b>	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
<b>Oct 2</b>	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