



PREVIEW NOTES

ATX OPEN
AUSTIN, TEXAS, USA

February 27 – March 5, 2023 | WTA 250 | \$259,303



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ATX OPEN – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday, February 27 – Sunday, March 5, 2023
Singles Final: Sunday, March 5, 2:00pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, March 5, 4:00pm
Venue: Westwood Country Club
Status: WTA 250
Staging: First Edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard / Outdoors
Tennis Ball: PENN Tour Regular Duty

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

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Mirjam Bjorklund, Elizabeth Mandlik, Peyton Stearns

Youngest singles player: Robin Montgomery (18)

Oldest singles player: Zhang Shuai (34)

- First edition of the tournament and marks the return of WTA Tour to Texas after an 11-year absence. Last Texas tournament was Texas Tennis Open in 2012.
- No.1 seed **Magda Linette** will look to make up for the surprise quarter-final loss against No.140 Rebecca Peterson last week at Merida and renew her form from Australian Open where she made her first Grand Slam semi-final and achieved career-high ranking of No.21.
- Other standout names in the main draw include 2017 US Open champion **Sloane Stephens** and 2022 Australian Open runner-up **Danielle Collins**.
- Along with Sweden's, **Mirjam Bjorklund**, local talent **Peyton Stearns** and Floridian **Elizabeth Mandlik** received main-draw wildcards. Peyton Stearns played for the University of Texas at Austin and became the first Texas player to win the NCAA Division 1 Women's Singles National Championship last year.
- *One to watch* – **Peyton Stearns**. Made her WTA main draw debut at Cleveland last year. Since the start of this season, has won two ITF tournaments, W25 Orlando and W60 Rome, and finished runner-up at W25 Naples. Stearns turned professional last year after helping University of Texas at Austin win two NCAA team titles and one NCAA singles championship. Last year, she made five ITF Tournament finals and won on three of those occasions. She is climbing the ranking ladder and currently sits at a career-high No.137 (first achieved on February 6, 2023).



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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

A total of nine countries and regions are represented in the main draw led by the United States with sixteen players:

China (1)	Zhang Shuai
Germany (1)	Anna-Lena Friedsam
Great Britain (3)	Harriet Dart, Katie Boulter, Heather Watson
Hungary (1)	Dalma Galfi
Montenegro (1)	Danka Kovinic
Poland (2)	Magda Linette, Magdalena Frech
Sweden (1)	Mirjam Bjorklund
Ukraine (2)	Marta Kostyuk, Dayana Yastremska
United States (16)	Taylor Townsend, Sloan Stephens, Elizabeth Mandlik, Katie Volynets, Alison Riske-Amritraj, Peyton Stearns, Alycia Parks, Lauren Davis, Caty McNally, Danielle Collins, Madison Brengle, Louisa Chirico, Ann Li, Robin Montgomery, Coco Vandeweghe, Ashlyn Krueger Varvara Gracheva, Anna Kalinskaya, Anna Blinkova, Anastasia Potapova

A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Elena Rybakina (January 30)
- **Match wins leaders:** Belinda Bencic (15-3), Aryna Sabalenka (13-1), Jessica Pegula (13-4), Iga Swiatek (12-3)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina (116), Caroline Garcia (103), Aryna Sabalenka (102), Zheng Qinwen (93)
- **Most singles titles (2):** Aryna Sabalenka (Adelaide 1, Australian Open), Belinda Bencic (Adelaide 2, Abu Dhabi)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (5):** Iga Swiatek (Doha)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.84):** Lauren Davis (Hobart)
- **Youngest title winner (18):** Coco Gauff (Auckland)
- **Oldest title winner (31):** Camila Giorgi (Merida)
- **Longest Match (3h 30m):** Sorana Cirstea d. Beatriz Haddad Maia 4-6 7-6(7) 7-5 (Dubai)

2023 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 2	WTA 500 WTA 250	Adelaide Int 1 ASB Classic	[2] A. Sabalenka d. [Q] L. Noskova 63 76(4) [1] C. Gauff d. [Q] R. Masarova 61 61	[6] Townsend/Muhammed d. [1] Hunter/Siniakova 6-2 7-6(2) [3] Kato/Sutjiadi d. [WC] Fernandez/Mattek-Sands 16 75 10-4
January 9	WTA 500 WTA 250	Adelaide Int. 2 Hobart	[8] B. Bencic d. [5] D. Kasatkina 60 62 [Q] L. Davis d. E. Cocciaretto 76(0) 62	Stefani/Townsend d. Pavlyuchenkova/Rybakina 75 76(3) [1] Flipkens/Siegemund d. Golubic/Udvardy 64 75
January 16	GS	Australian Open	[5] A. Sabalenka d. [22] E. Rybakina 46 63 64	[1] Krejckikova/Siniakova d. Aoyama/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/Wu d. Xin.Wang/Zhu 61 76(6) Bucsa/Schoofs d. Danilovic/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. Martic 63 61	Stefani/Zhang d. Aoyama/H.Chan 36 62 10-8 Dzalamidze/Kuzmova d. Friedsam/N.Kichenok 46 75 12-10
February 13	WTA 500	Doha	[1] I. Swiatek d. [2] J. Pegula 63 60	[1] Gauff/Pegula d. [2] Ostapenko/L.Kichenok 64 26 10-7
February 20	WTA 1000 WTA 250	Dubai Merida	B. Krejckikova d. [1] I. Swiatek 64 62 C. Giorgi d. [Q] R. Peterson 76(3) 16 62	Kudermetova/Samsonova d. H. Chan/L. Chan 64 67(4) 10-1 McNally/Parry d. Wang/Wu 60 75