



# PREVIEW NOTES

## MUBADALA ABU DHABI OPEN

### ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

FEB 6-12, 2023 | WTA 500 | \$780,637



**WTA Information:** [www.wtatennis.com](http://www.wtatennis.com) | @WTA | facebook.com/wta  
**Tournament Website:** <https://www.mubadalaabudhabiopen.com/>  
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## QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** February 6-12, 2023  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, Feb. 12 - 3pm  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, Feb. 12 - 5pm  
**Venue:** Zayed Sports City  
**Status:** WTA 500  
**Staging:** 1st edition  
**Draw sizes:** 28 Singles / 16 Doubles / 24 Qualifying  
**Surface:** Hard/Outdoors  
**Total prize money:** \$780,637  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop Fort

SINGLES	USD \$	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

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Top 4 Seeds:** Daria Kasatkina, Belinda Bencic, Elena Rybakina, Veronika Kudermetova

**Wildcards:** Sorana Cirstea, Marta Kostyuk, Garbine Muguruza

**Youngest singles player (20):** Zheng Qinwen

**Oldest singles player (34):** Zhang Shuai

- This is the first edition of the Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open, which will be held each year as a 500-level event
- The venue has a rich tennis history. It hosted the WTA Women's Tennis Open in 2021, an event won by Aryna Sabalenka, and the Mubadala World Tennis Championships exhibition event for the past 15 years.
- The draw is highlighted by three Top Ten players – **Daria Kasatkina**, **Belinda Bencic** and **Elena Rybakina**, who is coming off a finalist run at the Australian Open
- Notable first round matches include the veteran matchup of **Karolina Pliskova** taking on **Garbine Muguruza**, **Jelena Ostapenko** battling **Danielle Collins**, and **Paula Badosa** facing **Liudmila Samsonova**
- There are five grand slam singles champions in the draw – Rybakina, Muguruza, Ostapenko, **Barbora Krejickova**, and **Bianca Andreescu**
- *One to watch* – **Marta Kostyuk**. The young Ukrainian player has been in excellent form to start the season, with a notable win over Elena Rybakina en route to a quarterfinal finish at Adelaide #1, in addition to a third round appearance at the Australian Open. She will begin her Abu Dhabi campaign against fellow wildcard Sorana Cirstea.



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## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

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## COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

A total of 14 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by Czech Republic with three players (excluding qualifiers):

<b>Belgium (1)</b>	Elise Mertens
<b>Brazil (1)</b>	Beatriz Haddad Maia
<b>Canada (1)</b>	Bianca Andreescu
<b>China (1)</b>	Zhang Shuai, Zheng Qinwen
<b>Czech Republic (3)</b>	Marie Bouzkova, Barbora Krejčíková, Karolina Pliskova
<b>Estonia (1)</b>	Anett Kontaveit
<b>Italy (1)</b>	Martina Trevisan
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Elena Rybakina
<b>Latvia (1)</b>	Jelena Ostapenko
<b>Ukraine (1)</b>	Marta Kostyuk
<b>Romania (1)</b>	Sorana Cirstea
<b>Spain (2)</b>	Paula Badosa, Garbine Muguruza
<b>Switzerland (1)</b>	Belinda Bencic, Jil Teichmann
<b>United States (1)</b>	Danielle Collins
	Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Liudmila Samsonova

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Elena Rybakina (Jan. 30)
- **Match wins leaders:** Aryna Sabalenka (11-0), Caroline Garcia (10-3), Zhu Lin (10-3)
- **Aces leaders:** Caroline Garcia (85), Elena Rybakina (82), Aryna Sabalenka (81)
- **Most aces in a match (20):** Veronika Kudermetova (d. Victoria Azarenka at Adelaide 2)
- **Most singles titles (2):** Aryna Sabalenka (Adelaide 1, Australian Open)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (22):** Coco Gauff (Auckland)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.84):** Lauren Davis (Hobart)
- **Youngest title winner (18):** Coco Gauff (Auckland)
- **Oldest title winner (29):** Lauren Davis (Hobart)
- **Longest Match (3h 14m):** Martina Trevisan d. Maria Sakkari 6-3 6-7(4) 7-5 (United Cup)



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## 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] Muhammad/Townsend d [1] Hunter/Siniakova 62 76(2) [2] Kato/Sutjiadi d Fernandez/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	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] Krejckova/Siniakova d [10] 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/F. Wu d Xin. Wang/L. Zhu 61 76(6) C. Bucsa/B. Schoofs d O. Danilovic/A. Panova 76(5) 63