



# PREVIEW NOTES

## NINGBO OPEN NINGBO, CHINA

SEPTEMBER 25-30, 2023 | WTA 250 | \$259,303



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## NINGBO OPEN – QUICK FACTS

<b>Main draw dates:</b>	Monday, September 25 - Saturday, September 30, 2023
<b>Singles Final:</b>	Saturday, September 30 at 3pm
<b>Doubles Final:</b>	Saturday, September 30 after singles final
<b>Venue:</b>	Yinzhou International Tennis Center
<b>Status:</b>	WTA 250
<b>Staging:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> year
<b>Draw sizes:</b>	32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
<b>Surface:</b>	Plexipave / Outdoor
<b>Tennis Ball:</b>	Wilson US Open regular duty

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
<b>Winner</b>	34,228	280
<b>Runner-Up</b>	20,226	180
<b>Semifinalist</b>	11,276	110
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	6,418	60
<b>Round of 16</b>	3,920	30
<b>Round of 32</b>	2,804	1

## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

**Wildcards:** Ons Jabeur (TUN), Yue Yuan (CHN), Wang Xiyu (CHN), Vera Zvonareva

**Youngest singles player:** Linda Fruhvirtova (18)

**Oldest singles player:** Vera Zvonareva (39)

- The WTA comes to Ningbo for the first time since 2014. It will be the first staging of the tournament as a 250-level event; previously it was held as a 125-level tournament in 2013 and 2014, when Bojana Jovanovski and Magda Linette won the titles, respectively.
- Headlining the field is top seed **Ons Jabeur**, who took a wildcard into the event; on the other side of the draw is two-time grand slam champion and World No.14 **Petra Kvitova**. Both are still in contention for one of the final four spots at the WTA Finals in Cancun
- Also competing in Ningbo is No.3 seed **Sorana Cirstea**, who is coming off a career-best performance at the US Open by reaching the quarterfinals
- Representing the host country are two wildcards – **Yue Yuan** and **Wang Xiyu**
- Notable first round matches include No.1 seed Jabeur taking on talented rising star **Diane Parry**, wildcard **Vera Zvonareva** battling British No.1 **Katie Boulter**, and **Yulia Putintseva** facing **Daria Saville**
- *One to Watch* – **Wang Xiyu**. The 22-year-old is coming off her first title win in Guangzhou, where she dropped just one set en route to claiming the title in a decisive 6-0 6-2 victory against No.1 seed Magda Linette. Wang is playing Tour-level tennis in front of her home country for the first time in four years. She will face **Nadia Podoroska** in her opening-round match



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## TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Ons Jabeur (TUN)	Tournament debut	-	-
[2] Petra Kvitova (CZE)	Tournament debut	-	-
[3] Sorana Cirstea (ROU)	Tournament debut	-	-
[4] Anna Blinkova	Tournament debut	-	-

*\*Main draw matches only*

## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 16 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by the Czech Republic with three players.

<b>Argentina (1)</b>	Nadia Podoroska
<b>Australia (1)</b>	Daria Saville
<b>China (2)</b>	Wang Xiyu, Yue Yuan
<b>Czech Republic (3)</b>	Linda Fruhvirtova, Petra Kvitova, Katerina Siniakova
<b>Denmark (1)</b>	Clara Tauson
<b>France (2)</b>	Varvara Gracheva, Diane Parry
<b>Germany (1)</b>	Tamara Korpatsch
<b>Great Britain (1)</b>	Katie Boulter
<b>Italy (1)</b>	Lucia Bronzetti
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Yulia Putintseva
<b>Netherlands (1)</b>	Arantxa Rus
<b>Romania (1)</b>	Sorana Cirstea
<b>Spain (1)</b>	Rebeka Masarova
<b>Tunisia (1)</b>	Ons Jabeur
<b>Ukraine (1)</b>	Kateryna Baindl
<b>United States (1)</b>	Claire Liu

Elina Avanesyan, Anna Blinkova, Kamilla Rakhimova, Diana Shnaider, Vera Zvonareva



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## A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Elena Rybakina (January 30); Beatriz Haddad Maia (June 12); Marketa Vondrousova (July 17); Karolina Muchova (Aug 21)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (56-10), Aryna Sabalenka (54-15), Jessica Pegula (46-15)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina (401), Caroline Garcia (387), Aryna Sabalenka (355), Zheng Qinwen (270)
- **Most aces in a match (21):** Rebecca Marino (d. Emina Betkas at Birmingham)
- **Most singles titles (4):** Iga Swiatek (Doha, Stuttgart, Roland Garros, Warsaw), Coco Gauff (Auckland, Washington DC, Cincinnati, US Open)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (5):** Iga Swiatek (Doha)
- **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)

## 2023 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of	Level	Tournament	Singles Final	Doubles Final
January 2	WTA 500 WTA 250	Adelaide 1 Auckland	[2] A. Sabalenka d [Q] L. Noskova 63 76(4) [1] C. Gauff d [Q] R. Masarova 61 61	[6] A. Muhammad/T. Townsend d [1] S. Hunter/K. Siniakova 62 76(2) [2] M. Kato/A. Sutjiadi d L. Fernandez/B. 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	L. Stefani/T. Townsend d A. Pavlyuchenkova/E. Rybakina 75 76(3) [1] K. Flipkens/L. Siegemund d V. Golubic/P. Udvardy 64 75
January 16	GS	Australian Open	[5] A. Sabalenka d [22] E. Rybakina 46 63 64	[1] B. Krejcikova/K. Siniakova d [10] S. Aoyama/E. 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 X. Wang/L. Zhu 61 76(6) C. Bucsa/B. Schoofs d O. Danilovic/A. 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	L. Stefani/S. Zhang d S. Aoyama/H. Chan 36 62 10-8 N. Dzalamidze/V. Kuzmova d A. Friedsam/N. Kichenok 46 75 12-10
February 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
February 20	WTA 1000 WTA 250	Dubai Merida	B. Krejcikova d [1] I. Swiatek 6-4 6-2 C. Giorgi d [Q] R. Peterson 7-6(3) 1-6 6-2	V. Kudermetova/L. Samsonova d H. Chan/L. Chan 6-4 6-7(4) 10-1 C. McNally/D. Parry d X. Wang/F. Wu 6-0 7-5
February 27	WTA 250 WTA 250	Austin Monterrey	[8] M. Kostyuk d V. Gracheva 6-3 7-5 [3] D. Vekic d [1] C. Garcia 6-4 3-6 7-5	[2] E. Routliffe/A. Sutjiadi d [1] N. Melichar-Martinez/E. Perez 6-4 3-6 10-8 Y. Lizarazo/M. Garcia d [WC] K. Birrell/F. Contreras Gómez 6-3 5-7 10-5
March 6	WTA 1000	Indian Wells	[10] E. Rybakina d [2] A. Sabalenka 7-6(11) 6-4	[1] B. Krejcikova/K. Siniakova d B. Haddad Maia/L. Siegemund 6-1 6-7(3) 10-7
March 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
April 3	WTA 500 WTA 500	Charleston Bogotá	[2] O. Jabeur d [4] B. Bencic 7-6(6) 6-4 [2] T. Maria d. P. Stearns 6-3 2-6 6-4	D. Collins/D. Krawczyk d. [1] G. Olmos/E. Shibahara 0-6 6-4 14-12 I. Khromacheva/I. Shymanovich d. O. Kalsnikova/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



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<b>Apr 24</b>	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
<b>May 8</b>	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
<b>May 21</b>	WTA 250 WTA 250	Strasbourg Rabat	E. Svitolina d. B. Blinkova 6-2 6-3 L. Bronzetti d. J. Grabher 6-4 5-7 7-5	[4] Y. Xu /Z. Yang d. [2] D. Krawczyk / G. Olmos 6-3 6-2 S. Santamaria / Y. Sizikova d. L. Marozava / I. Gamarra Martins 3-6 6-1 10-8
<b>May 29</b>	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
<b>June 12</b>	WTA 250 WTA 250	Nottingham 's-Hertogenbosch	[WC] K. Boulter d. J. Burrage 6-3 6-3 [4] E. Alexandrova d. [1] V. Kudermetova 4-6 6-4 7-6(3)	U. Eikeri/I. Neel d. [WC] H. Dart/H. Watson 7-6(6) 5-7 10-8 S. Aoyama/E. Shibahara d. V. Hruncakova/T. Mihalikova 6-3 6-3
<b>June 19</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	Berlin Birmingham	[7] P. Kvitova d. D. Vekic 6-2 7-6(6) [2] J. Ostapenko d. [1] B. Krejckikova 7-6(8) 6-4	C. Garcia / L. Stefani d. K. Siniakova / M. Vondrousova 4-6 7-6(8) 10-4 [2] M. Kostyuk / B. Krejckikova d. [3] S. Hunter / A. Parks 6-2 7-6(7)
<b>June 26</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	Eastbourne Bad Homburg	M. Keys d. [9] D. Kasatkina 6-2 7-6(13) K. Siniakova d. L. Bronzetti 6-2 7-6(5)	[3] D. Krawczyk / D. Schuurs d. [2] N. Melichar-Martinez 6-2 6-4 L. Marozava / I. Gamarra Martins d. E. Hozumi / M. Nivulescu 6-0 7-6(3)
<b>July 3</b>	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
<b>July 17</b>	WTA 250 WTA 250	Budapest Palermo	[LL] M. Timofeeva d. K. Baidl 6-3 3-6 6-0 [2/WC] Q. Zheng d. [5] J. Paolini 4-6 6-1 1-6	K. Piter/F. Stollar d. J. Aney/A. Siskova 6-2 4-6 10-6 [1] Y. Sizikova/K. Zimmermann/ A. Moratelli/C. Rosatello 6-2 6-4
<b>July 24</b>	WTA 250 WTA 250 WTA 250	Hamburg Warsaw Lausanne	[7] A. Rus d. [WC] N. Noha Akugue 6-0 7-6(3) [1] I. Swiatek d. L. Siegemund 6-0 6-1 [2] E. Cocciaretto d. C. Burel 7-5 4-6 6-4	[1] A. Danilina/A. Panova d. [2] M. Kolodziejova/A. Kulikov 6-4 6-2 H. Waston/Y. Wickmayer d. W. Falkowska/K. Piter 6-4 6-4 [3] A. Bondar/D. Parry d. A. Anshba/A. Detiuc 6-2 6-1
<b>July 31</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	Washington DC Prague	[3] C. Gauff d. [4] M. Sakkari 6-2 6-3 [LL] N. Hibino d. [4] L. Noskova 6-4 6-1	L. Siegemund/V. Zvonareva d. A. Guarachi/M. Niculescu 6-4 6-4 N. Hibino/ O. Kalashnikova d. Q. Gleason/ E. Lechemia 6-7(7) 7-5 10-3
<b>Aug 7</b>	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
<b>Aug 14</b>	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
<b>Aug 21</b>	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
<b>Aug 28</b>	GS	US Open	[6] C. Gauff d. [2] A. Sabalenka 2-6 6-3 6-2	[16] G. Dabrowski/E. Routliffe V [12] V. Zvonareva/ L. Siegemund
<b>Sep 11</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	San Diego Osaka	[4] B. Krejckikova d. [WC] S. Kenin 6-4 2-6 6-4 A. Krueger d. [1] L. Zhu 6-3 7-6 (6)	[1] B. Krejckikova/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 C. Dolehide v. [2] M. Sakkari	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