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Kinoshita Group Japan Open Tennis Championships 2023 – Quick Facts

Main draw dates: Monday, Sep 11 – Sunday, Sep 17, 2023
Singles Final: Sunday, Sep 17, 11am
Doubles Final: Saturday, Sep 16, 3rd after 11am
Venue: Utsubo Tennis Center
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 38 Edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Deco Turf Hard / Outdoor
Tennis Ball: Dunlop AO

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

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Misaki Doi (JPN), Mai Hontama (JPN), Moyuka Uchijima (JPN)

Youngest singles player: Linda Fruhvirtova (18)

Oldest singles player: Tatjana Maria (36)

- The WTA Hologic Tour comes to Asia, with Osaka being the first event to kick off a full Asian swing first time since 2019
- Tournament's 38th edition, last time was held in 2019 in Hiroshima
- Japanese No.1 **Nao Hibino** returns as defending champion – both singles and doubles (w/Doi) in 2019, coming off winning her third singles title and third doubles title(w/Kalashnikova) at Prague 2023.
- Leading the field is No.1 seed **Zhu Lin**, who won her first career single title in Asia earlier this season at Hua Hin 2023; she will meet compatriot Wang Xiyu in first round.
- No.2 seed **Tatjana Maria** returns after making tournament debut nine years ago in 2014; she will face Hungary's Udvary in opening round.
- No.3 seed **Xinyu Wang** and No.4 seed **Lina Fruhvirtova** are both making tournament debut; **Xinyu Wang** is coming off a SF run in doubles at US Open (w/Hsieh), having previously captured first career Grand Slam doubles title at Roland Garros (also w/Hsieh).

- 2019's Runner-Up and doubles champion **Misaki Doi** receives a wild card, facing a qualifier in opening round; the former world No. 30 will retire from professional tennis after playing home events at Osaka and Tokyo
- Additional wildcards are awarded to home players **Mai Hontama** and **Moyuka Uchijima**
- **Nao Hibino** (Prague), **Tatjana Maria** (Bogota) and **Zhu Lin** (Hua Hin) are the only three in the field who have won a title this year

TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Lin Zhu (CHN)	2r (1):2018 (I. Tomljanovic)	1-1	.500
[2] Tatjana Maria (GER)	1r (1): 2014 (I. Arruabarrena)	0-1	.000
[3] Xinyu Wang (CHN)	Making tournament debut	-	-
[4] Linda Fruhvirtova(CZE)	Making tournament debut	-	-

**Main draw matches only*

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 14 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by China and Japan with 4 players each:

Argentina (1)	Nadia Podoroska
Canada (1)	Rebecca Marino
Czech Republic (1)	Linda Fruhvirtova
China (4)	Xiyu Wang, Xinyu Wang, Yue Yuan, Lin Zhu
France (2)	Jessika Ponchet, Diane Parry
Germany (3)	Anna-Lena Friedsam, Tatjana Maria, Jule Niemeier
Great Britain (1)	Harriet Dart
Hungary (1)	Panna Udvardy
Japan (4)	Misaki Doi, Mai Hontama, Nao Hibino, Moyuka Uchijima
Kazakhstan (1)	Yulia Putintseva
Korea (1)	Su Jeong Jang
Switzerland (2)	Viktorija Golubic, Jil Teichmann
UKR (1)	Kateryna Baindl
USA (1)	Ashlyn Krueger

Anna Kalinskaya, Diana Shnaider

2023 WTA TOUR FINALS

WEEK OF	LEVEL	TOURNAMENT	SINGLES FINAL	DOUBLES FINAL
Jan 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] 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
Jan 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
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 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
Feb 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
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 WTA 250	Dubai Merida	B. Krejckikova 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
Feb 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
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 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. 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 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
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 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
June 19	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)
June 26	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)
July 3 July 17	GS WTA 250 WTA 250	Wimbledon Budapest Palermo	M. Vondrousova d. O. Jabeur 6-4 6-4 [LL] M. Timofeeva d. K. Baindl 6-3 3-6 6-0 [2/WC] Q. Zheng d. [5] J. Paolini 4-6 6-1 1-6	B. Stycova/S. Hsieh d. [3] S. Hunter/E. Mertens 7-5 6-4 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
July 24	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
July 31	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
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

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)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (56-10), Aryna Sabalenka (54-15), Jesscia Pegula (46-15)
- **Most aces in a match (21):** Rebecca Marino (d. Emina Betkas at Birmingham)
- **Most singles titles (4):** Swiatek (Doha, Stuttgart, Roland Garros, Warsaw), Coco Gauff (US Open, Cincinnati, Washington DC, Auckland)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (1):** Jessica Pegula (Montreal)
- **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 (3):** Desirae Krawczyk (Eastbourne, Stuttgart, Charleston), Barbora Krejckikova (Australian Open, Indian Wells, Birmingham), Luisa Stefani (Adelaide 2, Abu Dhabi, Berlin)
- **Longest Match (3h 51m):** Beatriz Haddad Maia d. Sara Sorribes Tormo 6-7(3) 6-3 7-5 (Roland Garros)