



# PREVIEW NOTES

## 34 PALERMO LADIES OPEN PALERMO, ITALY

July 17 – July 23, 2023 | WTA 250 | €225,480



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### Palermo Ladies Open – Quick Facts

**Main draw dates:** Monday, July 17 – Sunday, July 23, 2023  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, July 23, 8:30pm  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, July 23, 6pm  
**Venue:** ASD Country Club  
**Status:** WTA 250  
**Staging:** 34<sup>th</sup> Edition  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Red Clay / Outdoors  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop Fort Clay Court

SINGLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	29,760	280
Runner-Up	17,590	180
Semifinalist	9,810	110
Quarterfinalist	5,580	60
Round of 16	3,410	30
Round of 32	2,438	1
Qualified	-	18

DOUBLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	10,820	280
Runner-Up	6,090	180
Semifinalist	3,504	110
Quarterfinalist	2,086	60
Round of 16	1,606	1

### TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

**Wildcards:** Fiona Ferro (FRA), Camilla Rosatello (ITA), Qinwen Zheng (CHN)

**Youngest singles player:** Erika Andreeva (19)

**Oldest singles player:** Sara Errani (36)

- The summer clay court swing moves to Italy this week for the 34<sup>th</sup> edition of the Palermo Ladies Open
- The field is led by No.1 seed, World No.11 **Daria Kasatkina**, who will be facing Italy's **Martina Trevisan** in opening round
- Two-time champion and home favorite **Sara Errani** returns to the tournament where she will face No.2 seed **Qinwen Zheng** in first round
- No.3 seed Mayar Sherif, who is making tournament debut and No.4 seed Elisabetta Cocciaretto from the host country round out the Top 4 seeds at Palermo 2023
- Also appearing is former champion **Fiona Ferro** who received a wild card into the main draw
- There are five all-Italian teams in doubles field highlighted by the team of **Errani/Paolini**
- **One to Watch** – **Lucia Bronzetti**. Last year's runner-up, the home favorite recently won her first career singles title at Rabat 2023 (d. Grabher in F) and achieved a career high ranking at No. 47 on July 3. She also reached her third career singles final on grass at Bad Homburg (l. Siniakova in F). In the first round she will be playing the youngest player (19) in the main draw, **Erica Andreeva**.



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## TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Daria Kasatkina	1r (1): 2020 (I. Paolini)	0-1	.000
[2] Qinwen Zheng	2r (1): 2021 (as qualifier, I. Cristian)	1-1	.500
[3] Mayar Sherif	Making tournament debut	-	-
[4] Elisabetta Cocciaretto	QF (1): 2020 (I. Kontaveit) R16 (1): 2022 (I. Garica) 1r (1): 2019(as qualifier, I. Kuzmova)	3-3	.500

\*main draw only

## RECENT FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
2022	[6] Irina-Camelia Begu	Lucia Bronzetti	6-2 6-2	Zimmermann/Bondar
2021	[1] Danielle Collins (USA)	[Q] Elena-Gabriela Ruse (ROU)	6-4 6-2	Routliffe/Zimmermann
2020	Fiona Ferro (FRA)	[4] Anett Kontaveit (EST)	6-2 7-5	Rus/Zidansek
2019	[8] Jil Teichmann (SUI)	[1] Kiki Bertens (NED)	7-6(3) 6-2	Lister/Voracova

## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 13 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by Italy with seven players:

<b>Austria (1)</b>	Julia Grabher
<b>Colombia (1)</b>	Camila Osorio
<b>Egypt (1)</b>	Mayar Sherif
<b>France (3)</b>	Clara Burel, Fiona Ferro, Diane Parry
<b>China (1)</b>	Qinwen Zheng
<b>Italy (7)</b>	Lucia Bronzetti, Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Sara Errani, Jasmine Paolini, Camilla Rosatello, Lucrezia Stefanini, Martina Trevisan
<b>Netherlands (1)</b>	Arantxa Rus
<b>Serbia (1)</b>	Olga Danilovic
<b>Spain (3)</b>	Cristina Bucsa, Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Sara Sorribes Tormo
<b>UKR (1)</b>	Dayana Yastremska
<b>USA (2)</b>	Emma Navarro, Alycia Parks



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Nigina Abduraimova

Erika Andreeva, Daria Kasatkina

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (3):** Elena Rybakina (January 30); Beatriz Haddad Maia (June 12); Marketa Vondrousova (July 17)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (42-7), Aryna Sabalenka (39-9), Elena Rybakina (35-9)
- **Most aces in a match (21):** Rebecca Marino (d. Emina Betkas at Birmingham)
- **Most singles titles (3):** Aryna Sabalenka (Adelaide 1, Australian Open, Madrid), Iga Swiatek (Doha, Stuttgart, Roland Garros)
- **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 (3):** Barbora Krejcikova (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)

## 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] 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



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<b>April 3</b>	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
<b>April 17</b>	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
<b>April 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. Hrunčáková/T. Mihalikova 6-3 6-3
<b>June 19</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	Berlin Birmingham	[7] P. Kvitová d. D. Vekić 6-2 7-6(6) [2] J. Ostapenko d. [1] B. Krejčíková 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. Krejčíková 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. [6] O. Jabeur 6-4 6-4	[3] S. Hunter/E. Mertens VS. B. Stycova/S. Hsieh