



# PREVIEW NOTES

## UPPER AUSTRIA LADIES LINZ LINZ, AUSTRIA



FEBRUARY 6-12, 2023 | WTA 250 | €225,480

**WTA Website:** [www.wtatennis.com](http://www.wtatennis.com) | @WTA | facebook.com/wta  
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## UPPER AUSTRIA LADIES LINZ – QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** Monday, February 6 – Sunday, February 12, 2023  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, February 12, 3:30pm  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, February 5, following Singles Final  
**Venue:** Design Center Linz  
**Status:** WTA 250  
**Staging:** Tournament's 32<sup>nd</sup> year  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Hard (greenset) / Indoors  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop Fort All Court Tournament Select  
**2021 Singles Final:** Alison Riske-Amritaj d. Jaqueline Cristian 2-6 6-2 7-5  
**2021 Doubles Final:** Natela Dzalamidze/Kamilla Rakhimova d. Wang Xinyu/Zheng Saisai 6-4 6-2

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

## MAIN DRAW QUICK-HITS

**Wildcards:** Julia Grabher, Sofia Kenin, Eva Lys  
**Youngest singles player:** Linda Noskova (18)  
**Oldest singles player:** Petra Martic (32)



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## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

- The 32nd edition of the tournament features eight of the Top 50, including World No.7 **Maria Sakkari**, who is looking for her first singles title since her 2019 win in Morocco.
- The remaining players in the Top 50 include: **Ekaterina Alexandrova, Irina-Camilla Begu, Anhelina Kalinina, Donna Vekic, Petra Martic, Bernarda Pera, and Anastasia Potapova.**
- The tournament is represented by a total of 12 countries and regions (excluding qualifiers) led by the United States with 4 players: **Madison Brengle, Alycia Parks, Sofia Kenin, and Bernarda Pera**
- The wildcards feature Austrian **Julia Grabher**, 2020 Australian Open champion **Sofia Kenin**, as well as German player **Eva Lys.**
- *One to Watch* – **Alycia Parks.** At the 2023 Open 6ème Sens Métropole de Lyon, unseeded Parks defeated No.1 seed Caroline Garcia in a stunning upset to win her maiden WTA title 76(7) 75. En route to the title, Parks had victories over 3 players in the Linz main draw, including: **Julia Grabher, Petra Martic, and Danka Kovinic.**

## TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	Tournament debut	-	-
[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova	1r: 2021 (I. Tsurenko) SF: 2020 (I. Mertens) SF: 2019 (I. Ostapenko) F: 2018 (I. Giorgi)	-	-
[3] Irina-Camelia Begu (ROU)	1r: 2020 (I. Podoroska)	-	-
[4] Anhelina Kalinina (UKR)	2r: 2021 (I. Kudermetova) 1r: 2020 (I. Mertens)	-	-

*\*Main draw matches only*

## PREVIOUS SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2021	Alison Riske-Amritaj (USA #55)	Jaqueline Cristain (ROU #305)	2-6 6-2 7-5
2020	Aryna Sabalenka (#2)	Elise Mertens (BEL #32)	7-5 6-2
2019	Coco Gauff (USA #6)	Jelena Ostapenko (LAT #12)	6-3 1-6 6-2



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## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

A total of 12 countries and regions are represented in the main draw (excluding qualifiers) led by the United States with 4 players each:

<b>Austria (1)</b>	Julia Grabher
<b>Belgium (1)</b>	Alison Van Uytvanck
<b>Croatia (2)</b>	Donna Vekic, Petra Martic
<b>Czech Republic (3)</b>	Linda Noskova, Marketa Vondrousova, Katerina Siniakova
<b>Germany (3)</b>	Tamara Korpatsch, Julia Niemeier, Eva Lys
<b>Greece (1)</b>	Maria Sakkari
<b>Italy (2)</b>	Lucia Bronzetti, Camila Giorgi
<b>Montenegro (1)</b>	Danka Kovinic
<b>Romania (2)</b>	Jaqueline Cristian, Irina-Camilla Begu
<b>Spain (1)</b>	Nuria Párrizas Díaz
<b>Ukraine (1)</b>	Anhelina Kalinina
<b>United States (4)</b>	Madison Brengle, Alycia Parks, Sofia Kenin, Bernarda Pera
	Anna Blinkova, Anastasia Potapova, Ekaterina Alexandrova

## A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Elena Rybakina (January 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)

## 2023 WTA TOUR FINALS

Week of

Level

Tournament

Singles Final

Doubles Final



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<b>January 2</b>	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
<b>January 9</b>	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
<b>January 16</b>	GS	Australian Open	[5] A. Sabalenka d [22] E. Rybakina 46 63 64	[1] Krejckova/Siniakova d [10] Aoyama/Shibahara 64 63
<b>January 30</b>	WTA 250 WTA 250	Hua Hin Lyon	L. Zhu d. L. Tsurenko 64 64 A. Parks d. C. Garcia 76(7) 75	F. Wu/H.C. Chan d. L. Zhu/X.Y Wang 61 76(6) C. Busca/B. Schoofs d. A Parks/S. Zhang 62 67(3) 10-2