



# MATCH NOTES

BNP PARIBAS OPEN  
INDIAN WELLS, CA, USA

MARCH 8-19, 2023 | WTA 1000 | \$8,800,000



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## BNP PARIBAS OPEN – SEMIFINALS

[1] IGA SWIATEK (POL #1) Head-to-Head [10] ELENA RYBAKINA (KAZ #10)  
**1-1**

**SWIATEK:** Defeated Rybakina at 2021 Ostrava... Facing a Grand Slam champion for the third time this fortnight... All 19 matches this season have been decided in straight sets... Navratilova is the only woman in history to successfully defend Indian Wells title... Is yet to drop a set this year, spending just under six hours on court... Since start of 2022, has reached the SF stage at 16 of 22 tournaments played

**RYBAKINA:** Upset Swiatek in fourth round at this year's Australian Open... Required 2h 45m to beat unseeded Muchova in QF... Has won 82.6% of her service games this season, only Garcia and Sabalenka have posted a higher percentage... No woman representing Kazakhstan has ever previously appeared in singles SF at Indian Wells

[7] MARIA SAKKARI (GRE #7) Head-to-Head [2] ARYNA SABALENKA (#2)  
**3-4**

**SAKKARI:** Won their past two encounters, in the round-robin stage of the WTA Finals in both 2021 and 2022... Bidding to become the first woman to reach back-to-back finals here since Sharapova in 2013... Each match this fortnight has gone to three sets, including coming from 6-4 3-1 down against Kvitova in the last round... With a win, would climb to as high No.7 by reaching the final

**SABALENKA:** Beat the Greek during title runs at 2019 Wuhan, 2020 Doha and 2021 Abu Dhabi... Has lost just one match and five sets in 17 outings this season... Appearing in SF at Indian Wells for the first time... The current World No.2 is defending only 20 points at Indian Wells and Miami... Along with Bencic is one of two women with multiple singles titles in 2023... Lifted doubles title here with Mertens four years ago

## CLOSER LOOK AT THE SEMIFINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$^	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[1] Iga Swiatek	1	21	1,008,793	16-3	1	15,743,870	144-43	12
[2] Aryna Sabalenka	2	24	2,271,221	16-1	2	14,446,131	210-97	12
[7] Maria Sakkari	7	27	622,352	15-5	0	8,674,380	185-134	1
[10] Elena Rybakina	10	23	1,245,229	14-4	0	7,606,187	138-69	3

\*entering 2023 Indian Wells SF/^Does not include current tournament



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## INDIAN WELLS AND WTA 1000 RECORDS

PLAYER	IW W-L*	IW BEST RESULT*	WTA 1000 W-L*	WTA 1000 BEST RESULT*
[1] Iga Swiatek	12-1	WON (2022)	47-13	WON (5): Doha (2022), Indian Wells (2022), Miami (2022), Rome (2021-22)
[2] Aryna Sabalenka	7-3	SF (2023)	63-31	WON (4): Doha (2020), Madrid (2021), Wuhan (2018-19)
[7] Maria Sakkari	12-4	R-Up (2022)	54-35	R-Up (2): Guadalajara (2022), Indian Wells (2022)
[10] Elena Rybakina	7-2	SF (2023)	31-17	SF (1): Indian Wells (2023)

\*entering 2023 Indian Wells SF

## INDIAN WELLS APPEARANCES

PLAYERS	R128	R64	R32	R16	QF	SF	R-UP	WON	TOTAL*
[1] Iga Swiatek		1			1				3
[2] Aryna Sabalenka		1	1	1					4
[7] Maria Sakkari	1	1		1			1		5
[10] Elena Rybakina				1				1	3

\*includes 2023 Indian Wells

## POTENTIAL INDIAN WELLS FINAL HEAD-TO-HEADS

	SAKKARI	SABALENKA
SWIATEK	Sakkari leads 3-2	Swiatek leads 4-2
RYBAKINA	Series tied 1-1	Sabalenka leads 4-0

## PROJECTED TOP 10 RANKING AFTER INDIAN WELLS

Projected Rank	Previous Rank		IW23	@ SF	R-UP 650	WIN 1000
1	1	SWIATEK, IGA	390	9975	10235	10585
2	2	SABALENKA, ARYNA	390	6480	6740	7090
3	3	PEGULA, JESSICA	120	5605		
4	5	GARCIA, CAROLINE	120	4990		
5	4	JABEUR, ONS	65	4976		
6	6	GAUFF, COCO	215	4401	4836	5186
7	8	KASATKINA, DARIA	65	3375		
8	9	BENCIC, BELINDA	10	3360		
9	7	SAKKARI, MARIA	390	3191	3451	3801
10	10	RYBAKINA, ELENA	390	3110	3370	3720



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## SEMIFINALS QUICK HITS

- The leading two seeds – No.1 **Iga Swiatek** and No.2 **Aryna Sabalenka** – have advanced to the semifinals for the first time at Indian Wells since 2014, when No.1 Li Na and No.2 Agnieszka Radwanska reached the semifinals and final, respectively
- Last year’s finalists, Swiatek and **Maria Sakkari**, have returned to the semifinal stage. No woman has reached back-to-back finals at Indian Wells since Maria Sharapova in 2013
- Should Sakkari and Swiatek both win on Friday, it would be the first time in tournament history that the final has been contested by the same women in consecutive years
- **Elena Rybakina** (Wimbledon), Sabalenka (Australian Open) and Swiatek (Roland Garros and US Open) have all won a Grand Slam in the past 12 months, meaning that for the first time since 2015 Madrid the semifinal line-up at a WTA 1000 event contains three reigning major champions
- This is only the 2nd time all 4 semifinalists are in the Top 10 at Indian Wells (also 2008)
- At the WTA 1000 level, this is the first time since 2014 Madrid all four semifinalists are in Top 10
- Swiatek is bidding to become just the second woman to defend Indian Wells title, after Martina Navratilova (1990-91). She has now won 10 straight matches (the past seven in straight sets) here, the second-longest streak in tournament history:

PLAYER	WINS	YEARS
Stefanie Graf	13	1994-98
Iga Swiatek	10	2022-23
Martina Navratilova	10	1990-91
Ana Ivanovic	10	2008-09

- Rybakina is the first woman representing Kazakhstan to reach the last four at a WTA 1000 tournament
- Sakkari has been extended to three sets in all her matches this fortnight, spending nine hours and 29 minutes on court – the most among the four remaining players. In contrast, Sabalenka has taken just four hours and 12 minutes to reach this stage (although she did receive a third-round walkover)
- Sakkari leads the Tour in most three-set matches played (11) and is tied for most three-set match wins (7) this year
- Since start of 2022 season, Swiatek has reached the semifinals a Tour-leading 16 times, followed by Sakkari (11), Caroline Garcia (10), Sabalenka (9) and Veronika Kudermetova (9)
- The Top 2 seeds have squared off in the Indian Wells final five times, most recently in 2012 (also 2008, 2000, 1998, 1991)



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## A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Elena Rybakina (January 30)
- **Most aces in a match (20):** Veronika Kudermetova (d. Victoria Azarenka at Adelaide 2)
- **Most titles (2):** Aryna Sabalenka (Adelaide 1, Australian Open), Belinda Bencic (Adelaide 2, Abu Dhabi)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (5):** Iga Swiatek (Doha)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.84):** Lauren Davis (Hobart)
- **Youngest title winner (18):** Coco Gauff (Auckland)
- **Oldest title winner (31):** Camila Giorgi (Mérida)
- **Longest Match (3h 32m):** Erika Andreeva d. Harriet Dart 7-6(4) 3-6 7-6(3) (Austin)

Most main-draw wins in 2023	W	L
Caroline Garcia	17	7
Aryna Sabalenka	16	1
Iga Swiatek	16	3
Belinda Bencic	15	4
Jessica Pegula	15	5
Maria Sakkari	15	5
Donna Vekic	14	3
Coco Gauff	14	4
Elena Rybakina	14	4
Barbora Krejckova	13	5
Zhu Lin	13	6
Marta Kostyuk	13	6

Most aces in...	2023	2023 IW
Caroline Garcia	170	26
Elena Rybakina	141	25
Aryna Sabalenka	123	21
Liudmila Samsonova	97	8
Zheng Qinwen	93	-
Karolina Pliskova	93	14
Veronika Kudermetova	91	9
Alycia Parks	90	2
Coco Gauff	81	21
Maria Sakkari	78	22

Most active career wins at IW	W	L
Victoria Azarenka	34	11
Simona Halep	28	10
Angelique Kerber	23	12
Vera Zvonareva	22	10
Venus Williams	21	7
Karolina Pliskova	21	8
Petra Kvitova	18	12
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	14	12
Elina Svitolina	13	9
Yanina Wickmayer	13	10

Most three-set wins in 2023	W	L
Anastasia Potapova	7	3
Maria Sakkari	7	4
Marta Kostyuk	6	2
Ysaline Bonaventure	6	2
Caroline Garcia	6	4
Jessica Pegula	5	2
Belinda Bencic	4	1
Donna Vekic	4	1
Bernarda Pera	4	1
Varvara Gracheva	4	1