



PREVIEW NOTES

BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL PRESENTED BY EVIE

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA



Dec 31 – Jan 7, 2024 | WTA 500 | USD \$1,736, 763

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Brisbane International Presented by Evie – Quick Facts

Main draw dates: Sunday, Dec 31 – Sunday, Jan 7, 2024
Singles Final: Sunday, Jan 7, NB 2:30pm
Doubles Final: Saturday, Jan 6, 11am
Venue: Queensland Tennis Centre
Status: WTA 500
Staging: 13th Edition
Draw sizes: 48 singles / 24 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: GreenSet Cushion / Outdoor
Tennis Ball: Dunlop Australian Open

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	220,000	500
Runner-Up	135,000	325
Semifinalist	79,000	195
Quarterfinalist	38,000	108
Round of 16	20,400	60
Round of 32	14,000	32
Round of 48	12,200	1

DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	73,000	500
Runner-Up	45,039	325
Semifinalist	26,100	195
Quarterfinalist	13,320	108
Round of 16	10,518	60
Round of 32	8,000	1

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Naomi Osaka (JPN), Arina Rodionova (AUS), Kimberly Birrell (AUS), Daria Saville (AUS)

Youngest singles player: Mirra Andreeva (16)

Oldest singles players: Victoria Azarenka (34), Arina Rodionova (34)

- The WTA Hologic Tour returns to Brisbane in 2024 after the tournament was not held in the city in 2021, 2022 and 2023
- This is the 13th edition of the tournament and the 1st WTA 500 of the 2024 season
- Defending Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka is making her Brisbane debut as No. 1 seed. In 2023, two of her three titles were won in Australia (Australian Open and Adelaide – also won in Madrid)
- No. 2 seed Elena Rybakina was 2023 Australian Open Runner Up (l. Sabalenka in final) and also swept two WTA 1000 trophies last season at Indian Wells and Rome
- Jelena Ostapenko enters Brisbane as No. 3 seed. The Latvian won her first Tour level title at Roland Garros in 2017 and claimed her sixth career title at Birmingham in 2023.



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- Liudmila Samsonova is the only player among the top four seeds to have competed at Brisbane before. On her way to reaching 2r in 2020, she posted her first two career Top 50 wins over Kristina Mladenovic (No. 37) and Sloane Stephens (No. 24).
- Four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka returns to competition in Brisbane after 15 months maternity leave. The former World No. 1 reached the semifinal in her last two Brisbane appearances (l. Tsurenko in 2019; l. Pliskova in 2020).
- No.16 seed Karolina Pliskova won the previous two editions in Brisbane and has the best track record in this year's field, lifting the Brisbane title on three occasions (2017, 2019 and 2020)
- Victoria Azarenka won the Brisbane title in its debut year on the WTA circuit in 2009 (d. Bartoli in final). She won again in 2016 (d. Kerber in final) and enters this year as No. 8 seed.

TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L
[1] Aryna Sabalenka	Making tournament debut	-
[2] Elena Rybakina (KAZ)	Making tournament debut	-
[3] Jelena Ostapenko (LAT)	Making tournament debut	-
[4] Liudmila Samsonova	2r (1): 2020 (l. Kvitova)	1-1

**Main draw matches only*

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 19 countries and regions are represented in the main draw:

Australia (3)	Arina Rodionova, Kimberly Birrell, Daria Saville
Belgium (2)	Elise Mertens, Greet Minnen
Bulgaria (1)	Viktoriya Tomova
Czech Republic (3)	Karolina Pliskova, Linda Noskova, Katerina Siniakova
China (1)	Zhu Lin
France (1)	Clara Burel
Germany (1)	Tamara Korpatsch
Italy (3)	Martina Trevisan, Camila Giorgi, Lucia Bronzetti
Japan (1)	Naomi Osaka
Kazakhstan (1)	Elena Rybakina
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Poland (1)	Magda Linette
Romania (2)	Sorana Cirstea, Ana Bogdan
Slovakia (1)	Anna Karolina Schmiedlova
Spain (1)	Cristina Bucsa
Ukraine (2)	Anhelina Kalinina, Marta Kostyuk
USA (7)	Sofia Kenin, Caroline Dolehide, Sloane Stephens, Peyton Stearns, Danielle Collins, Bernarda Pera, Ashlyn Krueger



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A SNAPSHOT OF 2023

- Thirty-seven different players won a WTA singles title in 2023
- **Iga Swiatek** led the way in terms of singles titles won in 2023, with six to her name (Doha, Stuttgart, Roland-Garros, Warsaw, Beijing, WTA Finals), followed by **Coco Gauff** with four (US Open, Cincinnati, Washington DC, Auckland) and **Aryna Sabalenka** with three (Adelaide 1, Australian Open, Madrid).
- In 2023, **Aryna Sabalenka** became the eighth WTA No.1 in both singles and doubles after Martina Navratilova, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Serena and Venus Williams, Martina Hingis, Lindsay Davenport and Kim Clijsters
- Via **Marketa Vondrousova**, **Karolina Muchova** and **Barbora Krejckikova**, this is the first time since the WTA rankings were published where three Czech players have ended a calendar year in the WTA Top 10
- The WTA has crowned 11 first-time title winners in 2023: **Katie Boulter** (Nottingham), **Lucia Bronzetti** (Rabat), **Elisabetta Cocciaretto** (Lausanne), **Marta Kostyuk** (Austin), **Ashlyn Krueger** (Osaka), **Alycia Parks** (Lyon), **Arantxa Rus** (Hamburg), **Maria Timofeeva** (Budapest), **Wang Xiyu** (Guangzhou), **Zheng Qinwen** (Palermo), and **Zhu Lin** (Hua Hin)
- Two players in 2023 completed a singles-doubles title sweep at the same event – **Nao Hibino** at Prague (partnering Oksana Kalashnikova) and **Barbora Krejckikova** at San Diego (partnering Katerina Siniakova)
- The youngest title winner last season was **Coco Gauff** at Auckland (18) and the oldest was **Tatjana Maria** at Bogotá (35); **Tatjana Maria** was also the oldest title winner in 2022 when she won Bogotá at the age of 34
- Four qualifiers (or Lucky Losers) have won a WTA title in 2023: **Lauren Davis** (Auckland), **Maria Timofeeva** (Budapest), **Nao Hibino** (Prague) and **Sara Sorribes Tormo** (Cleveland)
- The No.1 seed has prevailed at eight events in 2023, while a title has been won by an unseeded player 18 times
- In the longest match in terms of time spent on court, **Beatriz Haddad Maia** took 3 hours and 51 minutes to defeat **Sara Sorribes Tormo** in R16 at Roland Garros
- Seventeen singles championship matches were decided in three-sets in 2023
- **Barbora Krejckikova** claimed the most doubles titles with four (Australian Open, Indian Wells, San Diego all w/Siniakova, Birmingham w/Kostyuk)
- **Iga Swiatek** led the Tour with match wins in 2023 (68-11), followed by Jessica Pegula (59-18) and Aryna Sabalenka (55-14)
- Four players made their Top-10 debuts in 2023: **Elena Rybakina** (January 30); **Beatriz Haddad Maia** (June 12); **Marketa Vondrousova** (July 17); **Karolina Muchova** (Aug 21)
- Lowest ranked player to win a title was No. 508 **Elina Svitolina** at Strasbourg