



# PREVIEW NOTES

**LIBEMA OPEN**  
**'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, NETHERLANDS**  
JUNE 12-18, 2023 | WTA 250 | \$259,303



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## QUICK FACTS

**Main draw dates:** June 12-18, 2023  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, June 18, 12pm  
**Doubles Final:** Saturday, June 17, NB 2:30pm  
**Venue:** Autotron Rosmalen  
**Status:** WTA 250  
**Staging:** Tournament's 25th year  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles / 24 qualifying  
**Surface:** Grass / Outdoors  
**Total prize money:** \$259,303  
**Tennis Ball:** Slazenger Wimbledon

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

**Top 4 Seeds:** Veronika Kudermetova, Liudmila Samsonova, Victoria Azarenka, Ekaterina Alexandrova

**Wildcards:** Venus Williams, Celine Naef Lesley, Pattinama Kerkhove

**Youngest singles player (17):** Celine Naef

**Oldest singles player (43):** Venus Williams

- The grass-court season gets underway with three of the Top 20 in the field for the 25th edition of the Libema Open.
- **Veronika Kudermetova** headlines the field as the No.1 seed and opens her challenge against the 2019 champion **Alison Riske-Amritraj**.
- **Ekaterina Alexandrova**, seed No.4 and last year's champion is returning to Libema Open to defend her title and is set to face **Evgeniya Rodina** in the first round.
- **Venus Williams**, a five-time Wimbledon champion, is making her return to the tour at Libema Open, having only played one tournament this season at Auckland since US Open in 2022. Venus enters the draw having received a wild card and is making her debut appearance at the tournament this week.
- *One to Watch* – **Alison Riske-Amritraj** has shown strong results on grass throughout her career, having reached two finals and further six semifinals on grass, as well as the QF at Wimbledon in 2019. Alison is set to face the No.1 seed, Veronika Kudermetova in 1r, against who she has a 2-1 win record, both wins coming in on grass at Eastbourne in 2021 and at 'S-Hertogenbosch in 2019 on her way to lifting the title.



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## TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Veronika Kudermetova	SF (2): 2019 (l. Riske Amritraj), 2022 (l. Alexandrova) QF (1): 2018 (l. Krunic)	8-3	.727
[2] Liudmila Samsonova	1r (1): 2022 (l. Li)	0-1	.000
[3] Victoria Azarenka	1r (1): 2007 (l. Chakvetadze)	0-1	.000
[4] Ekaterina Alexandrova	Champion (1): 2022 (d. Sabalenka in F) QF (1): 2019 (l. Riske Amritraj) 1R (1): 2018 (l. Rus)	7-2	.777

\*Main-draw matches only

## RECENT SINGLES FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE
2022	[7] Ekaterina Alexandrova	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	7-5 6-0
2019	Alison Riske (USA)	[1] Kiki Bertens (NED)	0-6 7-6(3) 7-5
2018	[7] Aleksandra Krunic (SRB)	Kirsten Flipkens (BEL)	6-7(0) 7-5 6-1
2017	Anett Kontaveit (EST)	Natalia Vikhlyantseva	6-2 6-3
2016	[6] CoCo Vandeweghe (USA)	[3] Kristina Mladenovic (FRA)	7-5 7-5

## COUNTRY AND REGION BREAKDOWN

Not including qualifiers, a total of 13 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by the USA with five players:

<b>Australia (1)</b>	Kimberly Birrell
<b>Belgium (3)</b>	Elise Mertens, Greet Minnen, Ysaline Bonaventure
<b>Canada (1)</b>	Bianca Andreescu
<b>China (1)</b>	Yue Yuan
<b>France (1)</b>	Jessika Ponchet
<b>Germany (1)</b>	Eva Lys
<b>Hungary (1)</b>	Dalma Galfi
<b>Italy (1)</b>	Lucrezia Stefanini
<b>Netherlands (1)</b>	Lesley Pattinama Kerkhove
<b>Slovakia (1)</b>	Viktoria Hrucakova
<b>Sweden (1)</b>	Rebecca Peterson
<b>Switzerland (1)</b>	Celine Naef
<b>United States (5)</b>	Alison Riske-Amritraj, Ashlyn Krueger, Caty McNally, Katie Volynets, Venus Williams

Veronika Kudermetova, Liudmila Samsonova, Victoria Azarenka, Ekaterina Alexandrova, Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Evgeniya Rodina, Polina Kudermetova



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# 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. Urdary 64 75
January 16	GS	Australian Open	[5] A. Sabalenka d [22] E. Rybakina 46 63 64	[1] B. Krejčíková/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. Martić 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. Świątek 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. Krejčíková d [1] I. Świątek 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. Vekić 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. García 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. Krejčíková/K. Siniakova d B. Haddad Maia/L. Siegemund 6-1 6-7(3) 10-7
March 20	WTA 1000	Miami	[15] P. Kvitová d [10] E. Rybakina 7-6(14) 6-2	[2] C. Gauff/J. Pegula d L. Fernandez/T. Townsend 7-6(6) 6-2
April 3	WTA 500 WTA 250	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
April 17	WTA 500	Stuttgart	[1] I. Świątek d [2] A. Sabalenka 6-3 6-4	[2] D. Krawczyk/D. Schuurs d [3] N. Melichar-Martinez/G. Olmos 6-4 6-1
April 24	WTA 1000	Madrid	[2] A. Sabalenka d. [1] I. Świątek 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. Świątek 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

# A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR



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- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Elena Rybakina (January 30)
- **Match wins leaders:** Aryna Sabalenka (34-6), Iga Swiatek, (34-6), Elena Rybakina (30-7)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina (278), Caroline Garcia (226), Aryna Sabalenka (204)
- **Most aces in a match (20):** Veronika Kudermetova (d. Victoria Azarenka at Adelaide 2)
- **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.84)** Lauren Davis (Hobart)
- **Youngest title winner (18):** Coco Gauff (Auckland)
- **Oldest title winner (35):** Tatjana Maria (Bogotá)
- **Most doubles titles (2):** Coco Gauff (Doha, Miami), Desirae Krawczyk (Charleston, Stuttgart), Barbora Krejčíková (Australian Open, Indian Wells), Jessica Pegula (Doha, Miami) Luisa Stefani (Adelaide 2, Abu Dhabi), Katerina Siniakova (Australian Open, Indian Wells), Taylor Townsend (Adelaide 1, Adelaide 2)
- **Longest Match (3h 51m):** Beatriz Haddad Maia d. Sara Sorribes Tormo 6-7(3) 6-3 7-5 (Roland Garros)