



PREVIEW NOTES

GRAND PRIX SON ALTESSE ROYALE LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM RABAT, MOROCCO

MAY 19-25, 2024 | WTA 250 | \$267,082



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GRAND PRIX SON ALTESSE ROYALE LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Sunday, May 19 – Saturday, May 25, 2024
Singles Final: Saturday, May 25, 12 PM
Doubles Final: Friday, May 24, Time TBC
Venue: Union Sportive des Cheminots du Maroc (USCM)
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 22nd edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying
Surface: Red Clay
Tennis Ball: Wilson Roland Garros Clay Court
2023 Singles Final: L. Bronzetti (ITA) d. J. Grabher (AUT) 6-4 5-7 7-5
2023 Doubles Final: Santamaria (USA) / Sizikova d. Marozava/Gamarra Martins (BRA) 3-6 6-1 10-8

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$35,250	250
Runner-Up	\$20,830	163
Semifinalist	\$11,610	98
Quarterfinalist	\$6,608	54
Round of 16	\$4,350	30
Round of 32	\$3,020	1

DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$12,820	250
Runner-Up	\$7,210	163
Semifinalist	\$4,140	98
Quarterfinalist	\$2,470	54
Round of 16	\$1,900	1

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Malak El Allami (MAR), Aya El Aouni (MAR), Yasmine Kabbaj (MAR)

Youngest singles player: Malak El Allami (17)

Oldest singles player: Tatjana Maria (36)

- Tournament's 22nd edition; Hologic WTA Tour's last week before Roland Garros kicks off, with Rabat and Strasbourg taking place in the same week
- The draw is led by top seed **Yue Yuan**, who has had a breakthrough season of her career, winning maiden singles title at Austin 2024 and reached her peak ranking of No.37 earlier in April; **Yue Yuan** is No.1 seed for the first time in her career, having been seeded three times, all coming in 2024 season; No.6 seed at Hua Hin, No.8 seed at Austin and No. 4 seed at Rouen; **Yue Yuan** is making tournament debut at Rabat
- On the opposite end of the draw, No.2 seed **Anna Blinkova** will face Germany's **Laura Siegemund** in the first round and attempting her first win at Rabat, having failed in both of her previous appearances in 2016 and 2017; while in doubles, **Anna Blinkova** is a former champion (w/Olaru) in 2018



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- No. 3 seed **Sara Sorribes Tormo**, who won doubles in 2019 (w/Martinez Sanchez), will be competing against **Harriet Dart** in her first match at Rabat since 2018
- 2023 champion **Lucia Bronzetti**, comes back as No.4 seed and will start her defending journey by taking on local wild card **Malak El Allami**, the youngest player in main draw
- The other two main draw wildcards are also granted to home players **Aya El Aouni** and **Yasmine Kabbaj**
- Two players in the draw have won titles already in 2024: **Camila Osorio** (Bogota) and **Yue Yuan** (Austin)
- Other key first-round matchups include 2022 singles champion **Martina Trevisan** battling **Nao Hibino**, local wildcard **Aya El Aouni** taking on **Mayar Sherif**

TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Yue Yuan (CHN)	Tournament debut	-	-
[2] Anna Blinkova	1r: 2017 (l. Errani), 2016 (l. eventual champion Bacsinszky)	0-2	.000
[3] Sara SorribesTormo (ESP)	2r: 2016 (as qualifier/LL, l. Bertens), 2018 (l. Krunic) 1r: 2019 (l. Lepchenko)	2-3	.667
[4] Lucia Bronzetti (ITA)	Won: 2023 (d. Grabher in F) SF: 2022 (l. eventual champion Trevisan)	8-1	.889

**Main draw matches only*

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

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

Argentina (2)	Maria Lourdes Carle, Nadia Podoroska
Bulgaria (1)	Viktoriya Tomova
China (5)	Zhuoxuan Bai, Xiyu Wang, Yafan Wang, Yue Yuan, Lin Zhu
Colombia (1)	Camila Osorio
Egypt (1)	Mayar Sherif
Germany (2)	Tatjana Maria, Laura Siegemund
Great Britain (1)	Harriet Dart
Italy (3)	Lucia Bronzetti, Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Martina Trevisan
Japan (1)	Nao Hibino
Morocco (3)	Malak El Allami, Aya El Aouni, Yasmine Kabbaj
Netherlands (1)	Arantxa Rus
Spain (1)	Sara Sorribes Tormo
United States (3)	Kayla Day, Peyton Stearns, Taylor Townsend

Kamilla Rakhimova, Elina Avanesyan, Anna Blinkova



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A SNAPSHOT OF 2024 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Zheng Qinwen (January 29)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (36-4), Elena Rybakina (30-5), Danielle Collins (28-9), Aryna Sabalenka (25-7), Coco Gauff (25-8)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina (229), Caroline Garcia (180), Karolina Pliskova (173), Aryna Sabalenka (152), Naomi Osaka (144), Danielle Collins (143)
- **Most aces in a match (19):** Karolina Pliskova, at Doha (vs. Kalinskaya)
- **Most singles titles (4):** Iga Swiatek (Doha, Indian Wells, Madrid, Rome)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.108):** Diana Shnaider (2024 Hua Hin)
- **Youngest title winner (19):** Coco Gauff (Auckland, 19 yrs, 300 days); Diana Snaider (Hua Hin, 19y, 308 d)
- **Oldest title winner (31):** Karolina Pliskova (Cluj-Napoca, 31y, 327d)

2024 WTA TOUR FINALS

END DATE	TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Jan 7	United Cup	WTA 500	Germany	Poland
Jan 7	Brisbane	WTA 500	Elena Rybakina	Aryna Sabalenka
Jan 7	Auckland	WTA 250	Coco Gauff	Elina Svitolina
Jan 13	Adelaide	WTA 500	Jelena Ostapenko	Daria Kasatkina
Jan 13	Hobart	WTA 250	Emma Navarro	Elise Mertens
Jan 28	Australian Open	Grand Slam	Aryna Sabalenka	Zheng Qinwen
Feb 4	Linz	WTA 500	Jelena Ostapenko	Ekaterina Alexandrova
Feb 4	Hua Hin	WTA 250	Diana Shnaider	Zhu Lin
Feb 11	Abu Dhabi	WTA 500	Elena Rybakina	Daria Kasatkina
Feb 11	Cluj-Napoca	WTA 250	Karolina Pliskova	Ana Bogdan
Feb 17	Doha	WTA 1000	Iga Swiatek	Elena Rybakina
Feb 24	Dubai	WTA 1000	Jasmine Paolini	Anna Kalinskaya
Mar 3	San Diego	WTA 500	Katie Boulter	Marta Kostyuk
Mar 3	Austin	WTA 250	Yue Yuan	Xiyu Wang
Mar 17	Indian Wells	WTA 1000	Iga Swiatek	Maria Sakkari
Mar 31	Miami	WTA 1000	Danielle Collins	Elena Rybakina
Apr 7	Charleston	WTA 500	Danielle Collins	Daria Kasatkina
Apr 7	Bogota	WTA 250	Camila Osorio	Marie Bouzkova
Apr 21	Stuttgart	WTA 500	Elena Rybakina	Marta Kostyuk
Apr 21	Rouen	WTA 250	Sloane Stephens	Magda Linette
May 4	Madrid	WTA 1000	Iga Swiatek	Aryna Sabalenka
May 18	Rome	WTA 1000	Iga Swiatek	Aryna Sabalenka