



PREVIEW NOTES

HOBART INTERNATIONAL

HOBART, AUSTRALIA

January 8 - January 13, 2024 | WTA 250 | USD \$267,082



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HOBART INTERNATIONAL – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday, January 8 - Saturday, January 13, 2024
Singles Final: Saturday, January 13, 2024, NB 3:30pm
Doubles Final: Saturday, January 13, 2024, 1pm
Venue: Domain Tennis Center
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 29th year
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard Court / Outdoors (Greenset)
Tennis Ball: Dunlop Australian Open
2023 Singles Final: [1] L. Davis (USA) d. E. Cocciaretto (ITA) 76(0) 62
2023 Doubles Final: [1] K. Flipkens (BEL)/L. Siegemund (GER) d. V. Golubic (SUI)/ P. Udvardy (HUN) 64 75

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$35,250	250
Runner-Up	\$20,830	163
Semifinalist	\$11,610	98
Quarterfinalist	\$6,608	54
Round of 16	\$4,040	30
Round of 32	\$2,890	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: Olivia Gadecki (AUS), Sofia Kenin (USA), Daria Saville (AUS)

Youngest singles player: Olivia Gadecki (21)

Oldest singles player: Tatjana Maria (36)

- The WTA Hologic Tour returns to Hobart for its 29th edition in the week leading up to the Australian Open
- 2024 Hobart field is led by two-time champion **Elise Mertens**. The 2017-2018 champion is making 5th tournament appearance and will be facing **Danielle Collins** in opening round
- No.2 seed **Emma Navarro**, is making tournament main draw debut
- No.3 seed **Zhu Lin**, will be looking to her first win at Hobart after failing previous two attempts in 2020 and 2023
- **Wang Xinyu**, who made QF on her tournament debut in 2023, is seeded No.4. She will meet Australia's **Olivia Gadecki** in opening round, who entered the tournament with a wildcard. The two players also played first round at Hobart 2023, where Wang (as LL) defeated Gadecki (as WC) in straight sets
- 2019 Hobart champion and 2020 Australian Open champion **Sofia Kenin** entered the tournament with a wildcard



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- Australia's **Daria Saville**, also awarded a main draw wildcard, is playing main draw at Hobart for the first time
- 2023 Runner-Up **Elisabetta Cocciaretto** returns, facing a qualifier in her opening match

TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L
[1] Elise Mertens (BEL)	Won (2) : 2018 (d. Buzarnescu in F); 2017 (as qualifier, d. Niculescu in F) QF (1) : 2020 (l. Watson) 1r (1) : 2023 (l. Zanevska)	12-2
[2] Emma Navarro (USA)	Making Tournament Debut	-
[3] Lin Zhu (CHN)	1r (2) : 2023 (l. Kuzmova); 2020 (l. Kenin)	0-2
[4] Xinyu Wang (CHN)	QF (1) : 2023 (l. eventual champion Davis)	2-1

**Main draw matches only*

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 11 countries and regions are represented in the main draw led by the United States with 6 players:

Australia (2)	Olivia Gadecki, Daria Saville
Belgium (2)	Elise Mertens, Greet Minnen
China (3)	Xiyu Wang, Xinyu Wang, Lin Zhu
Czech Republic (1)	Marie Bouzkova
Egypt (1)	Mayar Sherif
France (2)	Clara Burel, Varvara Gracheva
Germany (1)	Tatjana Maria
Italy (3)	Lucia Bronzetti, Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Martina Trevisan
Netherlands (1)	Arantxa Rus
Spain (2)	Rebeka Masarova, Sara Sorribes Tormo
United States (6)	Danielle Collins, Caroline Dolehide, Sofia Kenin, Emma Navarro, Sloane Stephens, Peyton Stearns
	Anna Blinkova



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A SNAPSHOT OF LAST SEASON

- Thirty-seven different players won a WTA singles title last year
- **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 in 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