



PREVIEW NOTES

MERIDA OPEN AKRON

MERIDA, MEXICO

Oct. 28 – Nov. 3, 2024 | WTA 250 | USD \$267,082



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MERIDA OPEN AKRON – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates:	Monday, October 28 - Sunday, November 3
Singles Final:	Sunday, November 3, 2024, NB 6:00pm
Doubles Final:	Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 3:30pm
Venue:	Yucatan Country Club
Status:	WTA 250
Staging:	2 nd edition
Draw sizes:	32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying
Surface:	Outdoors Hard Court (Solflex)
Tennis Ball:	Wilson US Open Regular Duty
2023 Singles Final:	C. Giorgi (ITA) d. R. Peterson (SWE) 76(3) 16 62
2023 Doubles Final:	C. McNally (USA) / D. Parry (FRA) d. X. Wang (CHN) / F. Fu (TPE) 60 75

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$35,250	250
Runner-Up	\$20,830	163
Semifinalist	\$11,610	98
Quarterfinalist	\$6,608	54
Round of 16	\$4,350	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: Akasha Urhobo, Ana Sofia Sanchez, Laura Samson,

Youngest singles player:

Oldest singles player:

- The WTA Hologic Tour returns to Merida for its 2nd edition
- As the 2024 season comes closer to the end, last three WTA 250 tournaments are set to start on Monday 28th October, alongside Merida, Hong Kong and Jujiang are also taking place this week
- 2024 Merida field is led by local favorite **Renata Zarazua**; Zarazua is making her debut appearance at Merida and she is set to face Wild Card Akasha Urhobo in the first round
- **Nadia Podoroska** returns to Merida as the No.1 seed, having fallen in the 1r last year to the eventual R-Up Peterson; this year she starts her run by facing Polina Kudermetova
- **Jule Niemeier** enters the tournament as the No.3 seed, having returned to the Tour at Tampico since the US Open, at Tampico she fell in the 1r (I. Lepchenko); she is making her second appearance at Merida, having fallen in the 1r last year (I. Udvardy), she is set to face Lucrezia Stefanini in the 1r



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TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L
[1] Renata Zarazua (MEX)	First appearance	-
[2] Nadia Podoroska (ARG)	1r (1): 2023 (I. Peterson)	0-1
[3] Ajla Tomljanovic (AUS)	First appearance	-
[4] Julie Niemeier (GER)	1r (1): 2023 (I. Udvardy)	0-1

**Main draw matches only*

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Including qualifiers, a total of 17 countries and regions are represented in the main draw led by the USA with 6 players:

Argentina (2)	Maria Lourdes Carle, Nadia Podoroska
Australia (2)	Ajla Tomljanovic, Maya Joint
Canada (2)	Rebecca Marino, Marina Stakusic
Croatia (1)	Antonia Ruzic
Czech Republic (1)	Laura Samson
France (1)	Elsa Jacquemot
Germany (2)	Jule Niemeier, Tatjana Maria
Italy (1)	Lucrezia Stefanini
Mexico (2)	Renata Zarazua, Ana Sofia Sanchez
Poland (1)	Maja Chwalinska
Serbia (1)	Nina Stojanovic
Spain (2)	Sara Sorribes Tormo, Nuria Parrizas Diaz
Slovakia (1)	Tamara Zidanesk
Switzerland (1)	Jill Teichmann
Turkey (1)	Zeynep Sonmez
Ukraine (1)	Lesia Tsurenko
United States (6)	Akasha Urhobo, Robin Montgomery, Alycia Park, Ann Li, Elisabeth Mandlik, Varvara Lepchenko

Alina Korneeva, Ana Blinkova, Anastasia Tikhonova , Polina Kudermetova



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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 19	Rome	WTA 1000	Iga Swiatek	Aryna Sabalenka
May 25	Strasbourg	WTA 500	Madison Keys	Danielle Collins
May 25	Rabat	WTA 250	Peyton Stearns	Mayar Sherif
June 9	Roland Garros	Grand Slam	Iga Swiatek	Jasmine Paolini
June 16	Nottingham	WTA 250	Katie Boulter	Karolina Pliskova
June 16	's-Hertogenbosch	WTA 250	Liudmila Samsonova	Bianca Andreescu
June 23	Berlin	WTA 500	Jessica Pegula	Anna Kalinskaya
June 23	Birmingham	WTA 250	Yulia Putintseva	Ajla Tomljanovic
June 29	Eastbourne	WTA 500	Daria Kasatkina	Leylah Fernandez
June 29	Bad Homburg	WTA 250	Diana Shnaider	Donna Vekic
July 14	Wimbledon	Grand Slam	Barbora Krejcikova	Jasmine Paolini
July 21	Budapest	WTA 250	Diana Shnaider	Aliaksandra Sasnovich
July 21	Palermo	WTA 250	Qinwen Zheng	Karolina Muchova
July 28	Prague	WTA 250	Magda Linette	Magdalena Frech
July 28	Iasi	WTA 250	Mirra Andreeva	Elina Avanesyan
August 4	Washington DC	WTA 500	Paula Badosa	Marie Bouzkova
August 4	Olympics	--	Qinwen Zheng	Donna Vekic
August 12	Toronto	WTA 1000	Jessica Pegula	Amanda Anisimova
August 19	Cincinnati	WTA 1000	Aryna Sabalenka	Jessica Pegula
August 24	Monterrey	WTA 500	Linda Noskova	Lulu Sun
August 24	Cleveland	WTA 250	Mccartney Kessler	Beatriz Haddad Maia
September 7	US Open	Grand Slam	Aryna Sabalenka	Jessica Pegula



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September 15	Monastir	WTA 250	Sonay Kartal	Rebecca Sramkova
September 15	Guadalajara	WTA 500	Magdalena Frech	Olivia Gadecki
September 22	Seoul	WTA 500	Beatriz Haddad Maia	Daria Kasatkina
September 22	Hua Hin	WTA 250	Rebecca Sramkova	Laura Siegemund
October 6	Beijing	WTA 1000	Coco Gauff	Karolina Muchova
October 13	Wuhan	WTA 1000	Aryna Sabalenka	Qinwen Zheng
October 20	Osaka	WTA 250	Suzan Lamens	Kimberly Birrell
October 20	Ningbo	WTA 250	Daria Kasatkina	Mirra Andreeva
October 27	Tokyo	WTA 500	Qinwen Zheng	Sofia Kenin
October 27	Guangzhou	WTA 250	Olga Danilovic	Caroline Dolehide