



# PREVIEW NOTES

## MUBADALA ABU DHABI OPEN

### ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Feb 5 – Feb 11, 2024 | WTA 500 | \$780, 637



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## Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open – Quick Facts

**Main draw dates:** Monday, Feb 5 – Sunday, Feb 11, 2024  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, Feb 11, 5pm  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, Feb 11, 2:30pm  
**Venue:** Zayed Sports City International Tennis Centre  
**Status:** WTA 500  
**Staging:** 2nd edition of current tournament (Abu Dhabi WTA Women's Tennis Open was a WTA 500 tournament held in January 2021)  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Laykold Hard Court / Outdoor  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop Australian Open  
**2023 Singles Final:** [2] B. Bencic (SUI) d. [8] L. Samsonova 16 76(8) 64  
**2023 Doubles Final:** S. Zhang (CHN)/L. Stefani (BRA) d. S. Aoyama (JPN)/H. Chan (TPE) 36 62 10-8

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	142,000	500
Runner-Up	87,665	325
Semifinalist	51,205	195
Quarterfinalist	24,910	108
Round of 16	13,590	60
Round of 32	9,820	1

DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	47,390	500
Runner-Up	28,720	325
Semifinalist	16,430	195
Quarterfinalist	8,510	108
Round of 16	5,140	1

## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

**Wildcards:** Emma Raducanu (GBR), Naomi Osaka (JPN), Wang Xiyu (CHN), Alexandra Eala (PHI),  
**Youngest singles player:** Alexandra Eala (18)  
**Oldest singles player:** Lesia Tsurenko (34)

- Leading the field in Abu Dhabi is World No.5 **Elena Rybakina**. The 2022 Wimbledon champion won the season opening WTA 500 title at Brisbane and reached quarterfinal at Abu Dhabi last season
- No.2 seed **Ons Jabeur** is making her second appearance at Abu Dhabi after falling in the 3r to eventual champion Aryna Sabalenka in 2021. The 2023 Wimbledon runner-up is playing in only her second tournament of the 2024 season after making 2r at the Australian Open (I. Andreeva)
- **Maria Sakkari** is No.3 seed in Abu Dhabi and reached the semifinal here in 2021 (I. eventual champion Sabalenka)



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- No. 4 seed **Barbara Krejčíková** enters Abu Dhabi off the back of a quarterfinal finish at the Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka). This is her third appearance at Abu Dhabi, making R16 last season (l. eventual R-Up, Samsonova)
- **Beatriz Haddad Maia** claimed her first hard court title at the WTA Elite Trophy Zhuhai to close the 2023 season. The Brazilian is competing in Abu Dhabi for a second time after her SF finish in 2023 (l. eventual champion Bencic)
- **Liudmila Samsonova** and **Veronika Kudermetova** have the strongest previous results at Abu Dhabi in this year's draw, with both achieving R-Up (Samsonova in 2023; Kudermetova in 2021)
- **Jelena Ostapenko** earned her seventh career title at Adelaide this season (d. Kasatkina in F) and also reached QF at Brisbane (l. Azarenka)
- 2021 US Open champion **Emma Raducanu** is making her Abu Dhabi debut and appearing in her third tournament of 2024 since returning from injury, reaching 2r at Auckland (l. Svitolina) and Australian Open (l. Wang Yafan)
- Four-time Grand Slam champion **Naomi Osaka** returned to competition in Brisbane last month after 15 months maternity leave, reaching 2r (l. Pliskova). The former World No. 1 then played 1r at the Australian Open (l. Garcia) and enters Abu Dhabi for the first time
- **Yara Alhogbani** received a qualification wildcard and becomes the first player from Saudi Arabi to compete in a WTA tournament

## TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY <sup>^</sup>	W/L
[1] Elena Rybakina (KAZ)	QF (1): 2023 (l. Haddad Maia)	1-1
[2] Ons Jabeur (TUN)	R16 (1): 2021 (l. Sabalenka)	2-1
[3] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	SF (1): 2021 (l. Sabalenka)	4-1
[4] Barbora Krejčíková (CZE)	R32 (1): 2021 (l. Putintseva); R16 (1): 2023 (l. Samsonova)	2-2

*\*Main draw matches only*

*^Includes results from both 2023 and 2021*

## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 15 countries and regions are represented in the main draw:

<b>Brazil (1)</b>	Beatriz Haddad Maia
<b>Czech Republic (2)</b>	Barbora Krejčíková, Marie Bouzková
<b>China (3)</b>	Zhu Lin, Wang Xinyu, Wang Xiyu
<b>France (1)</b>	Caroline Garcia
<b>Great Britain (1)</b>	Emma Raducanu
<b>Greece (1)</b>	Maria Sakkari
<b>Japan (1)</b>	Naomi Osaka
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Elena Rybakina
<b>Latvia (1)</b>	Jelena Ostapenko
<b>Philippines (1)</b>	Alexandra Eala



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**Poland (1)** Magda Linette  
**Romania (1)** Sorana Cirstea  
**Spain (1)** Paula Badosa  
**Tunisia (1)** Ons Jabeur  
**Ukraine (2)** Anhelina Kalinina, Lesia Tsurenko  
Liudmila Samsonova, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova

## 2024: THE STORY SO FAR

TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SEMIFINALISTS
United Cup	-	Germany	Poland	France, Australia
Brisbane	WTA 500	Elena Rybakina	Aryna Sabalenka	Victoria Azarenka, Linda Noskova
Auckland	WTA 250	Coco Gauff	Elina Svitolina	Emma Navarro, Wang Xiyu
Adelaide	WTA 500	Jelena Ostapenko	Daria Kasatkina	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Jessica Pegula
Hobart	WTA 250	Emma Navarro	Elise Mertens	Daria Saville, Yuan Yue
Australian Open	Grand Slam	Aryna Sabalenka	Zheng Qinwen	Coco Gauff, Dayana Yastremska