



PREVIEW NOTES

KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN
OSAKA, JAPAN

OCTOBER 14-20, 2024 | WTA 250 | \$267,082



WTA Website: www.wtatennis.com | @WTA | facebook.com/wta
Tournament Website: <http://www.japanopentennis.com/wta/en> | @japanopentennis
Communications: Samantha Siegel (ssiegel@wtatennis.com)

KINOSHITA GROUP JAPAN OPEN – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Monday, October 14 – Sunday, October 20, 2024
Singles Final: Sunday, October 20, 3:00pm
Doubles Final: Saturday, October 19, NB 5:00pm
Venue: Morita Tennis Center Utsubo
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 39th edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard / Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Dunlop AO
2023 Singles Final: Ashlyn Krueger (USA) d. [1] Lin Zhu (CHN) 6-3 7-6(6)
2023 Doubles Final: Anna-Lena Friedsam (GER) / Nadiia Kichenok (UKR) d. Anna Kalinskaya / Yulia Putintseva (KAZ) 7-6(3) 6-3

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: Mai Hontama (JPN), Sara Saito (JPN), Bianca Andreescu (CAN), Sofia Kenin (USA)
Youngest singles player: Sara Saito (18)
Oldest singles players: Saisai Zheng (30)

- The Hologic WTA Tour returns to Osaka for the 39th edition of the tournament
- 2024 Hologic WTA tour continues in Asia with Ningbo and Osaka taking place this week
- 2024 Osaka field is led by **Magdalena Frech**; Frech has just come off a R16 run at Beijing and title run at Guadalajara
- No.2 seed **Leylah Fernandez** has yet to win a match here (fell 1r in 2019 against eventual champion Hibino) while No.3 seed **Elise Mertens** returns to Osaka, having made the QF in 2017
- Defending champion **Ashlyn Krueger** is also back in Osaka and set to face No.5 seed Elina Avanesyan in the opening round

- Main draw wild cards are granted to **Mai Hontama, Sara Saito, Bianca Andreescu** and **Sofia Kenin**

TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L
[1] Magdalena Frech (POL)	R32 (1): 2018 (l. Zhang)	0-1
[2] Leylah Fernandez (CAN)	R32 (1): 2019 (l. eventual champion Hibino)	0-1
[3] Elise Mertens (BEL)	QF (1): 2017 (l. McHale)	2-1
[4] Marie Bouzkova (CZE)	Tournament debut	-

**Main draw matches only*

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 15 countries and regions are represented in the main draw led by the USA with four players:

Armenia (1)	Elina Avanesyan
Belgium (1)	Elise Mertens, Greet Minnen
Bulgaria (1)	Viktoriya Tomova
Canada (2)	Bianca Andreescu, Leylah Fernandez
China (2)	Xinyu Wang, Saisai Zheng
Columbia (1)	Camila Osorio
Czech Republic (1)	Marie Bouzkova
Denmark (1)	Clara Tauson
France (1)	Diane Parry
Great Britain (1)	Harriet Dart
Italy (2)	Lucia Bronzetti, Elisabetta Cocciaretto
Japan (3)	Mai Hontama, Sara Saito, Moyuka Uchijima
Poland (1)	Magdalena Frech
Spain (2)	Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Cristina Bucsa
United States (4)	Sofia Kenin, McCartney Kessler, Ashlyn Krueger, Katie Volynets

Erika Andreeva, Veronika Kudermetova

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 8	US Open	Grand Slam	Aryna Sabalenka	Jessica Pegula
September 15	Monastir	WTA 250	Sonay Kartal	Rebecca Sramkova
September 15	Guadalajara	WTA 500	Magdalena Frech	Olivia Gadecki
September 22	Hua Hin	WTA 250	Rebecca Sramkova	Laura Siegemund
September 22	Seoul	WTA 500	Beatriz Haddad Maia	Daria Kasatkina
October 6	Beijing	WTA 1000	Coco Gauff	Karolina Muchova

A SNAPSHOT OF 2024 SO FAR

Top 10 debuts: Zheng Qinwen (January 29), Jasmine Paolini (June 10), Emma Navarro (Sep 9)

- **Top 100 debuts:** Renata Zarazua (Jan 8), Brenda Fruhvirtova & Maria Timofeeva (Jan 29), Arina Rodionova (Feb 5), Erika Andreeva (Feb 19), Maria Lourdes Carle (Mar 4), Hailey Baptiste (Mar 18), Jessica Bouzas Maneiro (Apr 15), Julia Riera (Apr 22), Moyuka Uchijima & Rebecca Sramkova (May 20), Lulu Sun (NZL), Chloe Paquet (Jul 29), McCartney Kessler (Aug 12), Oliva Gadecki & Sonay Kartal (Sep 16)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (57), Aryna Sabalenka (53), Coco Gauff (50), Emma Navarro (45), Qinwen Zheng (43)
- **Aces leaders:** Qinwen Zheng (368), Elena Rybakina (336), Aryna Sabalenka (230), Ekaterina Alexandrova (284), Karolina Pliskova (250)
- **Most aces in a match (23):** Qinwen Zheng, at Berlin (vs. Osaka)
- **Most singles titles (5):** Iga Swiatek (Doha, Indian Wells, Madrid, Rome, Roland Garros)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.108):** Diana Shnaider (2024 Hua Hin)
- **Teenagers to win titles (4):** Mirra Andreeva (17y, 90d), Coco Gauff (Auckland, 19y, 300d); Diana Shnaider (Hua Hin, 19y, 308d), Linda Noskova (19y, 280d Monterrey)
- **Oldest title winner (32):** Magda Linette (Prague, 32 years old)
- **First time title winners (9):** Diana Shnaider (Hua Hin), Emma Navarro (Hobart), Yuan Yue (Austin), Peyton Stearns (Rabat), Linda Noskova (Monterrey), Magdalena Frech (Guadalajara), Sonay Kartal (Monastir), Mirra Andreeva (Iasi), McCartney Kessler (Cleveland), Rebecca Sramkova (Hua Hin #2)