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INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA

ROME, ITALY



May 7-19, 2024 | WTA 1000 | €3,572,618

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INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA – QUICK FACTS

Main draw dates: Tuesday, May 7 – Sunday, May 19, 2024
Singles Final: Saturday, May 18
Doubles Final: Sunday, May 19
Venue: Foro Italico
Status: WTA 1000
Staging: 80th year
Draw sizes: 96 singles / 32 doubles teams / 48 singles qualifying
Surface: Red Clay / Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Dunlop Fort Clay Court
2023 Singles Final: [7] Elena Rybakina (KAZ) d. [30] Anhelina Kalinina (UKR) 6-4 1-0 ret.
2023 Doubles Final: [1] Gauff/Pegula (USA/USA) d. [4] Hunter/Mertens (AUS/BEL) 6-4 6-4

SINGLES	SINGLES €	RANK POINTS	DOUBLES €	RANK POINTS
Winner	699,690	1000	244,310	1000
Runner-Up	365,015	650	129,320	650
Semifinalist	192,405	390	69,460	390
Quarterfinalist	99,160	215	34,740	215
Round of 16	52,480	120	18,560	120
Round of 32	30,435	65	10,180	10
Round of 64	16,965	35	-	-
Round of 96	10,495	10	-	-

TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Nuria Brancaccio (ITA), Federica Di Sarra (ITA), Sara Errani (ITA), Victoria Paganetti (ITA), Giorgia Pedone (ITA), Lisa Pigato (ITA), Lucrezia Stefanini (ITA), Martina Trevisan (ITA)

Youngest singles player: Mirra Andrejeva (17)

Oldest singles player: Sara Errani (37)

- The Hologic WTA Tour returns to Rome. This will be the 80th edition of the Italian Open, and the 55th edition since the tournament became open to professional players in 1969. The tournament was not held in 1986.
- The singles main draw contains 96 players, including eight wild cards and 12 qualifiers. There will be 32 seeded players, all with first-round byes. The doubles main draw will have 32 teams, including three wild-card pairings.
- Chris Evert has won the most titles at the Italian Open, winning on five occasions. Conchita Martinez, Gabriela Sabatini and Serena Williams are the next best, winning the event on four occasions respectively.



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- Serena Williams (44) has the most women's singles match wins at the Italian Open in the Open Era, with Conchita Martinez (43) registering the next most over that span.
- Serena Williams and Conchita Martinez (53 each) are the only two players in the Open Era to appear in 50+ women's singles matches at the Italian Open.
- Sara Errani will be making her 16th main draw appearance at the tournament, the most among those in the draw
- Chris Evert has made the most women's singles finals of any player in the Open Era at the Italian Open, holding a 5-2 record out of seven appearances. Gabriela Sabatini has made the next most over that span, holding a 4-2 record from six finals.
- At 16y 152d, Tracy Austin (1979) is the youngest player in the Open Era to win the women's singles at the Italian Open. Austin is one of seven U-18 players to win the event, along with Andrea Temesvari (1983), Manuela Maleeva (1984), Steffi Graf (1987), Gabriela Sabatini (1988), Monica Seles (1990) and Martina Hingis (1998).
- At 34y 230d, Serena Williams (2016) is the oldest player in the Open Era to win the women's singles at the Italian Open. Williams is the only player in that span to win the event after turning 30, doing so on three occasions – 2013, 2014 and 2016.
- Martina Navratilova has appeared in the most finals at the Italian Open without winning the event, losing in four respective finals – 1974, 1975, 1990, 1994.
- Conchita Martinez is the only player male or female to win the Italian Open on four consecutive occasions in the history of the event, doing so between 1993 and 1996.
- Among players with 10+ women's singles matches at the event, Chris Evert holds the best winning percentage at 92.3%. Martina Hingis and Iga Swiatek (87.5%) share the next-best winning percentage in that span.
- Alize Cornet is the only qualifier to reach the women's singles final of the Italian Open in the Open Era, losing to Jelena Jankovic in the 2008 final. A wild card or lucky loser has not achieved this feat.
- Mary Pierce (1995) and Serena Williams (2010) are the only wild cards to reach the women's singles semifinal of the Italian Open in the Open Era, though the two were also seeded second and first in respective years.
- Iga Swiatek has won 31% (9/29) of WTA-1000 main draws entered – the highest percentage of any player since the format's introduction in 2009.
- Iga Swiatek could become only the third player to win the Madrid and Italian Open in a single season after Dinara Safina (2009) and Serena Williams (2013), since the inauguration of the women's single event in Madrid in 2009.
- Since 2000, Elena Rybakina could become the sixth player to achieve back-to-back women's singles titles at the Italian Open after Amelie Mauresmo (2004-05), Jelena Jankovic (2007-08), Maria Sharapova (2011-12), Serena Williams (2013-14) and Iga Swiatek (2021-22).
- Since the format's introduction in 2009, Victoria Azarenka (200) is the only player to achieve 200 WTA-1000 match victories.
- Elena Rybakina (2023) and Simona Halep (2020) are the only two players to win women's singles finals at the Italian Open via retirement.



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TOP 8 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY*

PLAYER	APPEARANCE	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L
[1] Iga Swiatek (POL)	5th	WON (2): 2021, 2022 QF (1): 2023 R64 (1): 2020	14-2
[2] Aryna Sabalenka	6th	SF (1): 2022 R16 (1): 2021 R64 (3): 2018, 2019, 2023	4-5
[3] Coco Gauff (USA)	5th	SF (1): 2021 3r (1): 2022 R32 (2): 2021, 2023	8-4
[4] Elena Rybakina (KAZ)	4th	WON (1): 2023 R16 (2): 2020, 2022	10-2
[5] Maria Sakkari (GRE)	6th	SF (1): 2019 QF (1): 2022 R16 (1): 2018 R32 (2): 2021, 2023	10-5
[6] Marketa Vondrousova (CZE)	5th	SF (1): 2020 QF (1): 2019 R16 (1): 2023 R64 (1): 2021	10-4
[7] Zheng Qinwen (CHN)	2nd	QF (1): 2023	3-1
[8] Ons Jabeur (TUN)	4th	R-Up (1): 2022 R64 (2): 2020, 2023	5-3

*Main draw matches only



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TOURNAMENT FACTS & RECENT CHAMPIONS

This is the 55th Open Era edition of the WTA tournament at Rome. Here are some facts and figures since 1969:

Youngest champion	1979, Tracy Austin (16)
Oldest champion	2016, Serena Williams (34)
Most singles titles	Chris Evert: 5 (1974-75, 1980-82)
Previous champions in field	Elina Svitolina (2017-18), Elena Rybakina (2023), Iga Swiatek (2021-22)

TOURNAMENT HONOR ROLL AS WTA 1000 (SINCE 2009)

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
2009	[1] Dinara Safina (#1)	[7] Svetlana Kuznetsova (#8)	6-3 6-4	Hsieh/Peng
2010	Maria Jose Martinez-Sanchez (ESP #26)	[7] Jelena Jankovic (SRB #7)	7-6(5) 7-5	Dulko/Pennetta
2011	[7] Maria Sharapova (#8)	[6] Samantha Stosur (AUS #7)	6-2 6-4	Peng/J.Zheng
2012	[2] Maria Sharapova (#2)	[8] Li Na (CHN #9)	4-6 6-4 7-6(5)	Errani/Vinci
2013	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	[3] Victoria Azarenka (#3)	6-1 6-3	Hsieh/Peng
2014	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	[10] Sara Errani (ITA #11)	6-3 6-0	Peschke/Srebotnik
2015	[3] Maria Sharapova (#3)	[10] Carla Suárez Navarro (ESP #10)	4-6 7-5 6-1	Babos/Mladenovic
2016	[1] Serena Williams (USA #1)	Madison Keys (USA #24)	7-6(5) 6-3	Hingis/Mirza
2017	[8] Elina Svitolina (UKR #11)	[6] Simona Halep (ROU #4)	4-6 7-5 6-1	Chan/Hingis
2018	[4] Elina Svitolina (UKR #4)	[1] Simona Halep (ROU #1)	6-0 6-4	Barty/Schuurs
2019	[4] Karolina Pliskova (CZE #7)	Johanna Konta (GBR #42)	6-3 6-4	Azarenka/Barty
2020	[1] Simona Halep (ROU #2)	[2] Karolina Pliskova (CZE #4)	6-0 2-1 ret.	Hsieh/Strycova
2021	[15] Iga Swiatek (POL #15)	[9] Karolina Pliskova (CZE #9)	6-0 6-0	Fichman/Olmos
2022	[1] Iga Swiatek (POL #1)	[9] Ons Jabeur (TUN #7)	6-2 6-2	Kudermetova/Pavlyuchenkova
2023	[7] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #6)	[30] Anhelina Kalinina (UKR #47)	6-4 1-0 ret.	Hunter/Mertens



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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 27 countries and regions are represented in the main draw led by the United States with 13 players:

Argentina (1)	Nadia Podorska
Australia (1)	Daria Saville
Belgium (2)	Greet Minnen, Elise Mertens
Brazil (1)	Beatriz Haddad Maia
Canada (1)	Leylah Fernandez
China (6)	Wang Xinyu, Wang Xiyu, Wang Yafan, Yuan Yue, Zheng Qinwen, Zhu Lin
Colombia (1)	Camila Osorio
Croatia (2)	Petra Martic, Donna Vekic
Czech Republic (4)	Barbora Krejckova, Linda Noskova, Katerina Siniakova, Marketa Vondrousova
Egypt (1)	Mayar Sherif
France (3)	Clara Burel, Caroline Garcia, Diane Parry
Germany (2)	Angelique Kerber, Tatjana Maria
Great Britain (1)	Katie Boulter
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Italy (11)	Nuria Brancaccio, Lucia Bronzetti, Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Frederica Di Sarra , Sara Errani , Victoria Paganetti , Jasmine Paolini, Giorgia Pedone , Lisa Pigato , Lucrezia Stefanini , Martina Trevisan
Japan (1)	Naomi Osaka
Kazakhstan (2)	Yulia Putintseva, Elena Rybakina
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
The Netherlands (1)	Arantxa Rus
Poland (3)	Magdalena Frech, Magda Linette, Iga Swiatek
Romania (3)	Irina-Camelia Begu, Ana Bogdan, Sorana Cirstea
Slovakia (1)	Anna Karolina Schmiedlova
Spain (3)	Paula Badosa, Cristina Bucsa, Sara Sorribes Tormo
Tunisia (1)	Ons Jabeur
Ukraine (4)	Angelina Kalinina, Marta Kostyuk, Elina Svitolina, Lesia Tsurenko
United States (13)	Amanda Anisimova, Danielle Collins, Lauren Davis, Caroline Dolehide, Coco Gauff, Sofia Kenin, Madison Keys, Ashlyn Krueger, Emma Navarro, Anastasia Potapova, Shelby Rogers, Sloane Stephens, Taylor Townsend
Others (13)	Ekaterina Alexandrova, Mirra Andreeva, Elina Avanesyan, Victoria Azarenka, Anna Blinkova, Anna Kalinskaya, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Aryna Sabalenka, Liudmila Samsonova, Diana Shnaider, Dayana Yastremska



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A SNAPSHOT OF 2024 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (1):** Qinwen Zheng (January 29)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (30-4), Elena Rybakina (30-5), Danielle Collins (24-8), Emma Navarro (22-9), Coco Gauff (21-7), Aryna Sabalenka (20-6)
- **Aces leaders:** Elena Rybakina (229), Karolina Pliskova (173), Caroline Garcia (162), Aryna Sabalenka (137), Naomi Osaka (127), Danielle Collins (126)
- **Most aces in a match (19):** Karolina Pliskova, at Doha (vs. Kalinskaya)
- **Most singles titles (3):** Elena Rybakina (Abu Dhabi, Brisbane, Stuttgart); Iga Swiatek (Doha, Indian Wells, Madrid)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.108):** Diana Shnaider (2024 Hua Hin)
- **Youngest title winner (19):** Coco Gauff (Auckland, 19 yrs, 300 days); Diana Shnaider (Hua Hin, 19y, 308 d)
- **Oldest title winner (31):** Karolina Pliskova (Cluj-Napoca, 31y, 327d)
- **First-time title winners (3):** Emma Navarro (Hobart), Diana Shnaider (Hua Hin), Yuan Yue (Austin)

- Rybakina (Brisbane, Abu Dhabi, Stuttgart) and Iga Swiatek (Doha, Indian Wells, Madrid) lead the Tour with three titles this year.
- Swiatek continues her reign atop the WTA Rankings. The weeks of Rome marks 102nd and 103rd week as WTA World No.1.
- Five times this year the No.1 seed and No.2 seed met head-to-head in a tournament final. During the entire 2023 season the No.1 seed and No.2 seed met in four finals.
- Qinwen Zheng made her Top 10 debut after the Australian Open (on Monday, January 29). She is the first Chinese woman to crack the Top 10 since Li Na (February 1, 2010).
- Five players made their Top 100 debut in 2024: Renata Zarazua (Jan 8), Maria Timofeeva (Jan 29), Brenda Fruhvirtova (Jan 29), Arina Rodionova (Feb 5), Erika Andreeva (Feb 19), Maria Lourdes Carle (Mar 4) and Hailey Baptiste (Mar 18), Jessica Bouzas Maneiro (Apr 15), Julia Riera (Apr 22)



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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 5	Madrid	WTA 1000	Iga Swiatek	Aryna Sabalenka