



# PREVIEW NOTES

ASB CLASSIC

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

Dec 30 – Jan 5, 2025 | WTA 250 | \$275,094



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## ASB Classic – Quick Facts

**Main draw dates:** Monday, Dec 30 – Sunday, Jan 5, 2025  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, Jan 5, 5:00pm  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, Jan 5, following Singles final  
**Venue:** ASB Tennis Arena  
**Status:** WTA 250  
**Staging:** 37th Edition  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Hard / Outdoors (GreenSet)  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop Australian Open

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$36,300	250
Runner-Up	\$21,484	163
Semifinalist	\$11,970	98
Quarterfinalist	\$6,815	54
Round of 16	\$4,160	30
Round of 32	\$2,975	1

DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$13,200	250
Runner-Up	\$7,430	163
Semifinalist	\$4,260	98
Quarterfinalist	\$2,540	54
Round of 16	\$1,960	1

## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

**Wildcards:** Vivian Yang (NZL), Renata Jamrichova (SVK)

**Youngest singles player:** Renata Jamrichova (17)

**Oldest singles player:** Rebecca Marino (34)

- The WTA Hologic Tour kicks off 2025 with the ASB Classic for its 37<sup>th</sup> edition and first WTA 250 of the season, alongside the Brisbane International Presented by Evie
- Four Grand Slam champions are in the main draw: Naomi Osaka, Emma Raducanu, Sloane Stephens, and Sofia Kenin. Stephens, the 2016 winner, will be making her fourth appearance in the tournament. Osaka, 2017 quarterfinalist, and Raducanu, who made the 2024 second round, will both be competing in Auckland for the second time
- Other notable entrants include 2017 US Open runner-up Madison Keys and former Grand Slam semifinalist Elise Mertens and Amanda Anisimova. Top two seeds Keys and Mertens will both be making their tournament debut
- 2024 Wimbledon quarterfinalist will play the tournament as New Zealand's No.1 player for the first time



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## TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L
[1] Madison Keys (USA)	Making tournament debut	-
[2] Elise Mertens (BEL)	Making tournament debut	-
[3] Amanda Anisimova (USA)	SF (1): 2020 (l. eventual champion, S.Williams); QF (1): 2019 (l. Hrucakova); R16 (1): 2024 (l. Bouzkova)	6-3
[4] Lulu Sun (NZL)	R16 (1): 2024 (l. Gracheva)	1-1

*\*Main draw matches only*

## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 14 countries and regions are represented in the main draw:

<b>Austria (1)</b>	Julia Grabher
<b>Belgium (2)</b>	Elise Mertens, Greet Minnen
<b>Canada (1)</b>	Rebecca Marino
<b>China (1)</b>	Xiyu Wang
<b>Denmark (1)</b>	Clara Tauson
<b>Germany (1)</b>	Jule Niemeier
<b>Great Britain (1)</b>	Emma Raducanu
<b>Italy (1)</b>	Lucia Bronzetti
<b>Japan (1)</b>	Naomi Osaka
<b>New Zealand (2)</b>	Vivian Yang, Lulu Sun
<b>Romania (1)</b>	Jaqueline Cristian
<b>Slovakia (1)</b>	Renata Jamrichova
<b>Ukraine (1)</b>	Yuliia Starodubtseva
<b>USA (10)</b>	Amanda Anisimova, Hailey Baptiste, Sofia Kenin, Madison Keys, Ann Li, Robin Montgomery, Alycia Parks, Bernarda Pera, Sloane Stephens, Katie Volynets
	Erika Andreeva



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## 2024 SUMMARY

- **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), Yulia Starodubtseva (Oct 7), Suzan Lamens (Oct 21), Zeynep Sonmez (Nov 4)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (59), Aryna Sabalenka (56), Coco Gauff (54), Qinwen Zheng (50), Emma Navarro (45)
- **Aces leaders:** Qinwen Zheng (445), Elena Rybakina (358), Aryna Sabalenka (307), Ekaterina Alexandrova (284), Paula Badosa (265)
- **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.168):** Viktorija Golubic (2024 Jiujiang)
- **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 winners (32):** Magda Linette (Prague, 32 years old), Viktorija Golubic (Jiujiang, 32 years old)
- **First time title winners (12):** 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), Suzan Lamens (Osaka), Zeynep Sonmez (Merida)

## 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



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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 500	Diana Shnaider	Donna Vekic
July 14	Wimbledon	Grand Slam	Barbora Krejckova	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
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	Ningbo	WTA 500	Daria Kasatkina	Mirra Andreeva
October 20	Osaka	WTA 250	Suzan Lamens	Kimberly Birrell
October 21	Tokyo	WTA 500	Zheng Qinwen	Sofia Kenin
October 21	Guangzhou	WTA 250	Olga Danilovic	Caroline Dolehide



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October 28	Hong Kong	WTA 250	Diana Shnaider	Katie Boulter
October 28	Jiujiang	WTA 250	Viktorija Golubic	Rebecca Sramkova
October 28	Merida	WTA 250	Zeynep Sonmez	Ann Li
November 2	Riyadh	WTA Finals	Coco Gauff	Zheng Qinwen