

## PREVIEW NOTES

# Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open presented by Abu Dhabi Sports Council ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



Feb 3 - Feb 8, 2025 | WTA 500 | \$1,064,510

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Tournament Website: www.mubadalaabudhabiopen.com

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#### Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open presented by Abu Dhabi Sports Council – Quick Facts

Main draw dates: Monday, Jan 3 – Sunday, Feb 8, 2025

Singles Final: Sunday, Feb 8, 5pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, Feb 8, 2:30pm
Venue: International Tennis Centre

Status: WTA 500 Staging: 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

**Draw sizes:** 28 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying

Surface: Hard / Outdoor - Laykold Hard Court

Tennis Ball: Dunlop – Fort All Court TS SS

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS	DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	164,000	500	Winner	54,300	500
Runner-Up	101,000	325	Runner-Up	33,000	325
Semifinalist	59,000	195	Semifinalist	19,160	195
Quarterfinalist	28,695	108	Quarterfinalist	9,840	108
Round of 16	15,700	60	Round of 16	1,960	1
Round of 32	11,300	1			

#### TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

Wildcards: Belinda Bencic (SUI), Caroline Garcia (FRA), Emma Raducanu (GBR), Marketa Vondrousova (CZE)

Youngest singles player: Linda Noskova (20y, 83d)

Oldest singles player: Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (33y, 220d)

- Tournament's third edition; Abu Dhabi previous winners include Elena Rybakina (2024) and Belinda Bencic (2023)
- This is the fourth WTA 500 event of the season after Brisbane, Adelaide and Linz.
- Defending champion Rybakina enters the tournament as the top seed; this is the third time in her career as the No.1 seed also 2024 Abu Dhabi (Won) and 2024 Adelaide (QF)
- Daria Kasatkina (129) has won more matches at WTA 500 level events since the level was introduced in 2009. Next
  in line behind Kasatkina is Caroline Wozniacki (126), Petra Kvitova (124) and Karolina Pliskova (116)
- Kasatkina has won six titles at WTA 500 events, third most among active players behind only Karolina Pliskova (9) and Madison Keys (7)
- No.2 seed Paula Badosa recently returned to the PIF WTA Rankings Top 10 following her semifinal run at the Australian Open; the last time she was ranked in the Top 10 was October 2022
- Tunisia's Ons Jabeur, who has set women's tennis records for an Arab player, will begin her Middle East campaign in Abu Dhabi. Former World No. 2 Jabeur, a three-time Grand Slam finalist, is seeking her first title since 2023.



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- No.4 seed Yulia Putintseva made her Top 20 debut last week and is playing on a career-high ranking of No.20;
   following her first round bye, she will face the winner of Raducanu and Vondrousova
- Grand Slam singles champions in the field include Rybakina (2022 Wimbledon), Jelena Ostapenko (2017 Roland Garros), Emma Raducanu (2021 US Open) and Marketa Vondrousova (2023 Wimbledon). Raducanu and Vondrousova received main-draw wild cards.
- Other wildcard recipients include former World No. 4 Caroline Garcia and 2021 Olympic champion Belinda Bencic.
   Bencic made the Round of 16 at the Australian Open, which was her first Grand Slam back after her maternity leave

#### **COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN**

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

Canada (1) Leylah Fernandez

China (1) Yuan Yue

Czech Republic (2) Linda Noskova, Marketa Vondrousova

France (1) Caroline Garcia
Great Britain (1) Emma Raducanu

Kazakhstan (2) Yulia Putintseva, Elena Rybakina

Latvia (1) Jelena Ostapenko

New Zealand (1) Lulu Sun

Poland (2) Magdalena Frech, Magda Linette

Spain (1) Paula Badosa
Slovakia (1) Rebecca Sramkova
Switzerland (1) Belinda Bencic
Tunisia (1) Ons Jabeur
United States (1) Ashlyn Krueger

Ekaterina Alexandrova, Daria Kasatkina, Polina Kudermetova, Anastasia Pavlyuhenkova,

Liudmila Samsonva

## **2025 WTA TOUR FINALS**

END DATE	TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Jan 5	United Cup	WTA 500	USA	Poland
Jan 5	Brisbane	WTA 500	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	Polina Kudermetova
Jan 5	Auckland	WTA 250	[5] Clara Tauson	[7] Naomi Osaka
Jan 11	Adelaide	WTA 500	Madison Keys	[1] Jessica Pegula
Jan 11	Hobart	WTA 250	McCartney Kessler	[2] Elise Mertens
Jan 26	Australian Open	Grand Slam	[19] Madison Keys	[1] Aryna Sabalenka
Feb 2	Linz	WTA 500	[4] Ekaterina Alexandrova	[5] Dayana Yastremska
Feb 2	Singapore	WTA 250	[2] Elise Mertens	Ann Li



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### **2025 SUMMARY**

- Most Aces Season: Clara Tauson (94), Madison Keys (88), Coco Gauff (54)
- Most Match Wins Season: Madison Keys (14-1), Aryna Sabalenka (11-1), Coco Gauff (9-1) Iga Swiatek (9-2)
- Most Singles Titles Season: Madison Keys, 2 (Adelaide, Australian Open)
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking Singles: Aryna Sabalenka, 16 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024);
   Total Weeks at No.1 24
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking Doubles: Katerina Siniakova, 22 consecutive weeks (since Sep 9, 2024);
   Total weeks at No.1 137 (tied for 4th most all-time)
- PIF WTA Top 100 Debuts: Polina Kudermetova (Jan 6), Eva Lys (Jan 27)
- PIF WTA 50 Debuts: McCartney Kessler (Jan 13), Ashlyn Krueger (Jan 27), Olga Danilovic (Jan 27)