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PREVIEW NOTES

Main draw dates: Monday, Sept 21 – Sunday, Sept 27, 2026
Singles Final: Sunday, September 27
Doubles Final: Sunday, September 27
Venue: Olympic Tennis Courts
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 22nd edition (19th as WTA 250)
Draw sizes: 28 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard court (DecoTurf) / Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Wilson US Open Regular Duty
2025 Singles Final: [1] Iga Swiatek d. [2] Ekaterina Alexandrova, 1-6, 7-6(3), 7-5
2025 Doubles Final: Krejčíková/Siniakova d. Joint/McNally, 6-3, 7-6(6)

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$37,390	250
Runner-Up	\$22,125	163
Semifinalist	\$12,331	98
Quarterfinalist	\$7,025	54
Round of 16	\$4,600	30
Round of 32	\$3,205	1

DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$31,600	250
Runner-Up	\$7,650	163
Semifinalist	\$4,390	98
Quarterfinalist	\$2,620	54
Round of 16	\$2,020	1

TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT MAIN DRAW APPEARANCES	TOURNAMENT RESULTS
[WC][1] Jelena Ostapenko	6th	WON: 2017 R-UP: 2022 R16: 2018 R32: 2019, 2023
[2] Kimberly Birrell	3rd	R16: 2022 QF: 2023
[3] Lanlana Tatarudee	1st	Tournament debut
[4] Elena-Gabriela Ruse	2nd	R32: 2024

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Main draw wildcards: Jelena Ostapenko, Sohyun Park, Dayeon Park, Yeonwoo Ku

Youngest singles player: Alina Korneeva (19) | **Oldest singles player:** Magda Linette (34)

*(*does not include qualifiers)*

- No.1 seed this week is wild card Jelena Ostapenko. Making her sixth appearance at Seoul, she is a two-time finalist here, winning the title in 2017 (d. Haddad Maia in F) and runner-up in 2022 (l. Alexandrova in F). Her strongest result of the season so far was achieved on hard court at WTA 1000 Doha where she reached SF (l. Mboko)
- Returning for her third appearance at Seoul is No.2 seed Kimberly Birrell from Australia. She will be looking to better her QF performance here in 2023 (l. Bektas). Her standout results of 2026 are semifinals at Adelaide (l. Mboko) and Austin (l. Stearns)
- Two players from Thailand feature in this year's main draw with both No.3 seed Lanlana Tararudee and Mananchaya Sawangkaew making their Seoul debut. Both players have posted career high rankings this week with Tararudee reaching No.61 and Sawangkaew reaching No.88 on 14 September. Tararudee made the second Tour QF of her career this year at Prague (also reached SF at Chennai last year) and Sawangkaew claimed WTA 125 Mumbai title this year, as well as reaching 3r at Wimbledon as a qualifier and earning her best career win by ranking over No.21 Chwalinska in the 1r
- No.4 seed is Romania's Elena-Gabriela Ruse who is making her second appearance at Seoul after reaching 1r as a qualifier in 2024 (l. Yuan Yue). This season she posted her best results on clay and grass with SF at Linz (clay), QF at 's-Hertogenbosch (grass) and SF at Bad Homburg (grass) where she also earned the third Top 10 win of her career over No.10 Linda Noskova. The best hard court result of her career was in 2023 at Cluj Napoca with QF (l. Arango)
- Maya Joint is returning to Seoul after making SF on her debut here last year (l. eventual champion Swiatek). Her 2025 Seoul semifinal equals her best career result on hard court, also reaching 2025 Hobart SF (l. Mertens) and 2025 Hong Kong SF (l. Bucsa). Her best result of the season was making QF at Adelaide (l. eventual champion M.Andreeva)
- Magda Linette will also feature this year and joins Ostapenko among the only two players in the main draw to have previously reached the final at Seoul; she was runner-up here in 2019, falling to Karolina Muchova in the final. Linette also reached QF here in 2022 in her most recent appearance at the tournament (l. Raducanu)
- The doubles main draw is topped by No.1 seeds Chan Hao-Ching and Wu Fang-Hsien from Chinese Taipei. The pair are teaming up for a second time this year after Charleston and they have won one title as a team in 2023 at Hua Hin. Chan has earned a total of 22 titles in her career and Wu has a total of 3 titles in her career.

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Armenia (1)	Alina Charaeva
Australia (4)	Kimberly Birrell, Maya Joint, Taylah Preston, Emerson Jones
China (1)	Yuan Yue
Germany (1)	Eva Lys
Hungary (1)	Anna Bondar
Japan (2)	Moyuka Uchijima, Himeno Sakatsume
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Mexico (1)	Renata Zarazua
Poland (1)	Magda Linette
Romania (1)	Elena-Gabriela Ruse
Slovenia (1)	Tamara Zidansek
South Korea (3)	Sohyun Park, Dayeon Back, Yeonwoo Ku
Thailand (2)	Lanlana Tatarudee, Mananchaya Sawangkaew
United States (4)	Katie Volynets, Sofia Kenin, Elvina Kalieva, Robin Montgomery
Uzbekistan (2)	Kamilla Rakhimova, Polina Kudermetova

Alina Korneeva, Anastasia Zakharova

(list does not include qualifiers)

2026 WTA TOUR FINALS

END DATE	TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	DOUBLES CHAMPION
Jan 11	United Cup	WTA 500	Poland	Switzerland	
Jan 11	Brisbane	WTA 500	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[16] Marta Kostyuk	[1] Hsieh/Ostapenko
Jan 11	Auckland	WTA 250	[1] Elina Svitolina	[7] Wang Xinyu	[2] Guo/Mladenovic
Jan 17	Adelaide	WTA 500	[3] Mirra Andreeva	[8] Victoria Mboko	[2] Siniakova/Zheng
Jan 17	Hobart	WTA 250	[Q] Elisabetta Cocciaretto	[3] Iva Jovic	Piter/Tjen
Feb 1	Australian Open	Grand Slam	[5] Elena Rybakina	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[4] Mertens/Z.Shuai
Feb 7	Abu Dhabi	WTA 500	[Q] Sara Bejlek	[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova	Alexandrova/Joint
Feb 7	Ostrava	WTA 250	Katie Boulter	Tamara Korpatsch	[4] Detiuc/Santamaria
Feb 7	Cluj-Napoca	WTA 250	[3] Sorana Cirstea	[1] Emma Raducanu	[3] Rakhimova/Sorribes Tormo
Feb 14	Doha	WTA 1000	[19] Karolina Muchova	[13] Victoria Mboko	[4] Danilina/Krunic
Feb 21	Dubai	WTA 1000	[5] Jessica Pegula	[9] Elina Svitolina	[5] Dabrowski/Stefani
Mar 1	Merida	WTA 500	Cristina Bucsa	Magdalena Frech	[2] Bucsa/Jiang
Mar 1	Austin	WTA 250	[4] Peyton Stearns	[WC] Taylor Townsend	[1] Hunter/Townsend
Mar 15	Indian Wells	WTA 1000	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[3] Elena Rybakina	[3] Siniakova/Townsend
Mar 29	Miami	WTA 1000	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[4] Coco Gauff	[2] Siniakova/Townsend
Apr 5	Charleston	WTA 500	[1] Jessica Pegula	Yulia Starodubtseva	Krawczyk/McNally
Apr 5	Bogota	WTA 250	[1] Marie Bouzkova	[8] Panna Udvardy	[1] Dolehide/Khromacheva
Apr 12	Linz	WTA 500	[1] Mirra Andreeva	Anastasia Potapova	[1] Cirstea/Zhang
Apr 19	Stuttgart	WTA 500	[1] Elena Rybakina	[7] Karolina Muchova	[4] Melichar-Martinez/Samsonova

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Apr 19	Rouen	WTA 250	[1] Marta Kostyuk	[Q] Veronika Podrez	[4] Maleckova/Skoch
May 3	Madrid	WTA 1000	[26] Marta Kostyuk	[9] Mirra Andreeva	[2] Siniakova/Townsend
May 16	Rome	WTA 1000	[7] Elina Svitolina	[3] Coco Gauff	Andreeva/Shnaider
May 23	Strasbourg	WTA 500	Emma Navarro	[1] Victoria Mboko	[1] Dabrowski/Stefani
May 23	Rabat	WTA 250	[6] Petra Marcinko	Anhelina Kalinina	Chong/Kempen
June 7	Roland Garros	Grand Slam	[8] Mirra Andreeva	[Q] Maja Chwalinska	Siniakova/Townsend
Jun 14	London	WTA 500	[LL] Donna Vekic	Emma Raducanu	Mihalikova/Nicholls
Jun 14	's-Hertogenbosch	WTA 250	[Q] Robin Montgomery	[8] Barbora Krejckikova	Aoyama/Liang
Jun 21	Berlin	WTA 500	[8] Linda Noskova	[3] Jessica Pegula	Alexandrova/Noskova
Jun 21	Nottingham	WTA 250	[4] Marie Bouzkova	[3] Emma Navarro	[WC] Dart/Lumsden
Jun 27	Bad Homburg	WTA 500	[4] Karolina Muchova	[6] Naomi Osaka	Sutjiadi/Zvonareva
Jun 27	Eastbourne	WTA 250	[2] Madison Keys	Tatjana Maria	[1] Dabrowski/Stefani
Jul 12	Wimbledon	Grand Slam	[9] Linda Noskova	[10] Karolina Muchova	[10] Guo/Mladenovic
Jul 19	Athens	WTA 250	[3] Barbora Krejckikova	[4] Maria Sakkari	[1] Chan/Kato
Jul 19	Iasi	WTA 250	Mayar Sherif	Paula Badosa	[3] Detiuc/Khromacheva
Jul 26	Prague	WTA 250	Lilli Tagger	[8] Daria Snigur	[4] Dart/Lumsden
Jul 26	Hamburg	WTA 250	[5] Tamara Korpatsch	[4] Anna Bondar	Jakupovic/Radisic
Aug 2	Washington DC	WTA 500	Alexandra Eala	[1] Jessica Pegula	[2] Routliffe/Sutjiadi
Aug 2	Memphis	WTA 250	[Q] Kristina Liutova	Darja Vidmanova	[4] Kozyreva/Lumsden
Aug 13	Toronto	WTA 1000	[7] Iga Swiatek	[2] Elena Rybakina	[1] Siniakova/Zhang
Aug 23	Cincinnati	WTA 1000	[4] Coco Gauff	[3] Jessica Pegula	Bouzkova/Noskova
Aug 29	Monterrey	WTA 500	Diane Parry	[2] Elise Mertens	Joint/Xu
Sept 12	US Open	Grand Slam	[2] Elena Rybakina	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[1] Siniakova/Townsend
Sept 19	Guadalajara	WTA 500	<i>Final: Stearns vs. Jovic</i>		<i>Final: Bucsa/Melichar vs. Kobori/Plipuech</i>
Sept 20	Sao Paulo	WTA 250	<i>TBD</i>		<i>TBD</i>

2026 WTA BY THE NUMBERS

- Most Match Wins: Jessica Pegula (50-13), Elena Rybakina (49-13), Aryna Sabalenka (46-9), Coco Gauff (45-14), Mirra Andrejeva (44-14), Elina Svitolina (43-13)
- Most Match Wins – Hard Court Only: Elena Rybakina (36-7), Jessica Pegula (34-8), Aryna Sabalenka (33-4), Coco Gauff (30-8), Elina Svitolina (28-8)
- Most Singles Titles – Season: 3, Aryna Sabalenka (Brisbane, Indian Wells, Miami) and Mirra Andrejeva (Roland Garros, Linz, Adelaide), Elena Rybakina (Australian Open, Stuttgart, US Open)
- Most Doubles Titles – Season: 7, Katerina Siniakova – Adelaide, Toronto (w/Zhang); Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, Roland Garros, US Open (w/Townsend)
- Singles / Doubles Titles Sweep: Cristina Bucsa (Merida), Linda Noskova (Berlin)
- Most Aces: Elena Rybakina – 411
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles: Elena Rybakina made her World No.1 debut on Monday, September 14, this is her second week with the top ranking
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Katerina Siniakova, 201 total (including week of Sept. 21, 2026) – second most all-time weeks as doubles No.1
- Youngest titlist: Kristina Liutova, Memphis (16)
- Oldest titlist: Sorana Cirstea, Cluj-Napoca (35)
- Lowest-ranked titlist: Robin Montgomery, No.484 ('s-Hertogenbosch)
- PIF WTA Top 100 Debuts (12): Sinja Kraus (Feb 23), Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva (Mar 2), Talia Gibson (Mar 16), Nikola Bartunkova (Mar 30), Daria Snigur (Mar 30), Hanne Vandewinkel (Mar 30), Lilli Tagger (Apr 13); Lanlana Tararudee (May 4), Maja Chwalinska (Jun 8), Alina Korneeva (Jun 8), Darja Vidmanova (Jun 22), Kaitlin Quevedo (Jul 13), Taylah Preston (Aug 24)
- PIF WTA Top 50 Debuts (14): Cristina Bucsa (Jan 5), Janice Tjen (Feb 2), Tereza Valentova (Feb 2), Sara Bejlek (Feb 9), Maja Chwalinska (Jun 8), Petra Marcinko (Jun 8), Caty McNally (Jun 22), Nikola Bartunkova (Jun 22), Oleksandra Oliynykova (Jun 22); Zeynep Sonmez (Jul 13), Antonia Ruzic (Jul 13), Tamara Korpatsch (Jul 27), Lilli Tagger (Jul 27), Daria Snigur (Jul 27)
- PIF WTA Top 20 Debuts (3): Iva Jovic (Feb 2), Sorana Cirstea (May 18), Alexandra Eala (Aug 3)
- PIF WTA Top 10 Debuts (2): Victoria Mboko (Feb 16), Linda Noskova (Jun 22), Marta Kostyuk (Sept 14)
- On Feb 16, Mboko (19 years old) joined Mirra Andrejeva (18 years old) in the PIF WTA Rankings Top 10. This became the first time two teenagers were ranked in the Top 10 since the week of July 27, 2009 – No.8 Azarenka (19) and No.9 Wozniacki (19)
- First-Time Title Winners: Sara Bejlek (Abu Dhabi), Cristina Bucsa (Merida), Petra Marcinko (Rabat), Robin Montgomery ('s-Hertogenbosch), Lilli Tagger (Prague), Alexandra Eala (Washington DC), Kristina Liutova (Memphis), Diane Parry (Monterrey)