



PREVIEW NOTES

SP OPEN

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL



September 14-20, 2026 | WTA 250 | \$283,347

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Main draw dates: Mon. September 14 – Sun. September 20, 2026
Singles Final: Sunday, September 20
Doubles Final: Sunday, September 20
Venue: Parque Villa Lobos
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 2nd edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard Court (Barracourt Lisonda Acrylic) - Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Wilson US Open Regular Duty
2025 Singles Final: Tiantsoa Rakotomanga Rajaonah d. Janice Tjen, 6-3, 6-4
2025 Doubles Final: [1] Babos/Stefani d. [3] Martins/Pigossi, 4-6, 6-3, 10-4

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	\$13,600	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	BEST TOURNAMENT RESULT
[1] Leylah Fernandez	1st	Making her tournament debut
[2] Paula Badosa	1st	Making her tournament debut
[3] Solana Sierra	2nd	2025: QF
[4] Anna Blinkova	1st	Making her tournament debut

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Main-draw wildcards : Carolina Alves, Victoria Luiza Barros, Gabriela Ce, Nauhany Vitoria Leme Da Silva

Youngest singles player: Nauhany Vitoria Leme Da Silva (16) | **Oldest singles player:** Gabriela Ce (33)

*(*does not include qualifiers)*

- Top seed Leylah Fernandez is making her SP Open debut this week. During the recent North American hard court swing, Fernandez went 5-4, highlighted by a 4r run at Toronto (l. Osaka) and a 3r appearance at the US Open (l. Pegula). She owns a 17-22 record in 2026 (8-12 on hard court), with her best results being QF appearances all on clay at Stuttgart, Madrid and Strasbourg. Her best hard court result this season came on home soil at Toronto, where she reached the 4r. Fernandez owns five career Tour-level titles, all on hard court, most recently winning the 2025 Osaka title (d. Valentova in F). This is the first time in her career she has been the top seed at a Tour-level event.
- No.2 seed Paula Badosa of Spain returns to competition this week after reaching the second round at US Open (l. Gauff). The former World No.2 is a four-time Tour-level singles champion, with three of those titles coming on hard court at Washington DC in 2024 (d. Bouzkova in F), Sydney in 2022 (d. Krejickova in F) and Indian Wells in 2021 (d. Azarenka in F). She has recorded 15 Tour-level main draw wins so far this season (5 on hard court), with her best result being a trip to her fifth career Tour-level final at Iasi on clay (l. Sherif in F). Her best results on hard court so far this season are 2r finishes at Brisbane, Australian Open, Dubai, Miami and US Open. This is her first time being amongst the Top two seeds at a Tour-level event since February 2025 at Merida.
- Argentina's Solana Sierra is the No.3 seed this week and returns to Sao Paulo for the second time, having reached the QF on her debut last year - the best Tour-level result of her career to date and her best result across all surfaces. She arrives in Brazil with a 12-17 Tour-level main draw record in 2026 and is seeking her first Tour-level win since Wimbledon in June, having lost her first match at each of her four events during the North American hard court swing (Memphis, Toronto, Cincinnati qualifying, US Open). Her best result of the season came on clay at Madrid, where she reached her first WTA 1000 4r (l. Pliskova). On hard court, her best results this year are 2r appearances at Hobart, Doha and Indian Wells. This marks just the second Tour-level event of her career at which she has been seeded, having previously been the No.2 seed at Sao Paulo last season.
- Anna Blinkova is this week's No.4 seed as she makes her Sao Paulo debut. Former World No.35 Blinkova is a two-time WTA Tour champion, with both titles coming at WTA 250 hard court events - 2022 Cluj-Napoca (d. Paolini in F) and 2025 Jiujiang (d. Tagger in F). Blinkova lost to No.21 seed Anna Kalinskaya in the first round of the 2026 US Open, but she regrouped by reaching the WTA 125 final in Barranquilla last week, finishing runner-up to Claire Liu.
- Rounding out the Top 5 seeds is Germany's Eva Lys, who arrives at the SP Open with a 6-14 Tour-level main draw record in 2026. She was sidelined for two months following her 1r exit at the Australian Open due to a knee injury. Her best results of the season are 2r appearances at Stuttgart, Rome, Roland Garros, Berlin and the US Open. Lys' best career results on hard court are SF appearances at 2024 Monastir (l. eventual champion Kartal) and 2023 Cluj-Napoca (l. Korpatsch). This is the first time in her career she has been seeded at a Tour-level event.
- Four Brazilians received this week's main draw wild cards, including a pair of 16-year-olds, Nauhany Vitoria Leme Da Silva and Victoria Luiza Barros. The two teenagers paired up to reach the Junior Wimbledon doubles final earlier this year, finishing as runners-up. Last year, Leme Da Silva reached the SP Open second round at age 15, becoming the first 2010-born player to win a WTA main-draw match.

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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Argentina (4)	Jazmin Ortenzi, Nadia Podoroska, Julia Riera, Solana Sierra
Armenia (2)	Elina Avanesyan, Alina Charaeva
Australia (1)	Astra Sharma
Brazil (5)	Carolina Alves, Victoria Luiza Barros, Gabriela Ce, Nauhany Vitoria Leme Da Silva, Laura Pigossi
Canada (1)	Leylah Fernandez
Czech Republic (2)	Dominika Salkova, Vendula Valdmannova
France (1)	Leolia Jeanjean
Germany (1)	Eva Lys
Italy (1)	Lucrezia Stefanini
Latvia (1)	Darja Semenistaja
Netherlands (1)	Suzan Lamens
Serbia (1)	Teodora Kostovic
Spain (3)	Paula Badosa, Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Kaitlin Quevedo
USA (3)	Carol Young Suh Lee, Claire Liu, Mary Stoiana

Anna Blinkova

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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	[1] Siniakova/Townsend
June 14	London	WTA 500	[LL] Donna Vekic	Emma Raducanu	Mihalikova/Nicholls
June 14	s'Hertogenbosch	WTA 250	[Q] Robin Montgomery	[8] Barbora Krejckikova	Aoyama/Liang
June 21	Berlin	WTA 500	[8] Linda Noskova	[3] Jessica Pegula	Alexandrova/Noskova
June 21	Nottingham	WTA 250	[4] Marie Bouzkova	[3] Emma Navarro	[WC] Dart/Lumsden
June 27	Bad Homburg	WTA 500	[4] Karolina Muchova	[6] Naomi Osaka	Sutjiadi/Zvonareva
June 27	Eastbourne	WTA 250	[2] Madison Keys	Tatjana Maria	[1] Dabrowski/Stefani
July 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

2026 SUMMARY

- Most Match Wins – Season: 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 Singles Titles – Season: 3, Aryna Sabalenka (Brisbane, Indian Wells, Miami), Mirra Andrejeva (Roland Garros, Linz, Adelaide), Elena Rybakina (Australian Open, Stuttgart, US Open)
- Most Doubles Titles – Season: 7, Katerina Siniakova – Toronto, Adelaide (both w/Zhang); US Open, Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, Roland Garros (each w/Townsend)
- Singles / Doubles title sweep: Cristina Bucsa (Merida), Linda Noskova (Berlin)
- Most Aces: Elena Rybakina – 411
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles: Elena Rybakina makes her World No.1 debut as of Monday, September 14
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Katerina Siniakova, 200 total (including week of September 14, 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, 's-Hertogenbosch (No.484)
- PIF WTA Top 100 Debuts (13): 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 (June 8), Alina Korneeva (June 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 (June 8), Petra Marcinko (June 8), Oleksandra Oliynykova (Jun 22), Nikola Bartunkova (Jun 22), Caty McNally (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 (3): 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)