

PREVIEW NOTES

VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS ATHENS OPEN

ATHENS, GREECE

July 13-19, 2026 | WTA 250 | €246,388

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Main draw dates: Mon. July 13 – Sun. July 19, 2026
Singles Final: Sunday, July 19
Doubles Final: Sunday, July 19
Venue: Stadion Sports Center, Olympic Tennis Complex
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 1st edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard court/Greenset - Outdoor
Tennis Ball: Wilson Tour Premier All Court

SINGLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	€32,520	250
Runner-Up	€19,240	163
Semifinalist	€10,730	98
Quarterfinalist	€6,110	54
Round of 16	€3,725	30
Round of 32	€2,663	1

DOUBLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	€11,830	250
Runner-Up	€6,650	163
Semifinalist	€3,820	98
Quarterfinalist	€2,280	54
Round of 16	€1,760	1

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Main draw wildcards : Marianne Argyrokastriti, Valentini Grammatikopoulou, Martha Matoula, Sapfo Sakellaridi

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

(*does not include qualifiers)

- This week, Athens returns to the WTA Tour with the first edition of the Vanda Pharmaceuticals Athens Open. Staged at the Stadion Sports Center within the Olympic Tennis Complex, this tournament will mark the first time that a WTA event has been held in the city since 1990, when the Athens Trophy was last contested.
- The top-seeded player is Clara Tauson of Denmark, who returns to hard court, the surface where she has had the most success this year. Eight of her 10 match-wins this season have come on hard court; she went 0-3 on clay and notched two wins on grass in 2026. The former World No.12 posted her best result of the year on the hard courts of Abu Dhabi, where she reached the semifinals before losing to eventual champion Sara Bejlek.
- Ann Li of the United States is this week's No.2 seed. Li won her second career WTA title at the end of last year in Guangzhou, and notched a new career-high ranking of No.29 in May of this year. All of Li's six career WTA finals have come on hard court, although her top result this year is a semifinal run on the clay of Strasbourg, where she lost to eventual champion and compatriot Emma Navarro.

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- The one Grand Slam singles champion in the field, Barbora Krejčíková of the Czech Republic, is the No.3 seed. Krejčíková made last week's Wimbledon Round of 16, where she was stopped in three sets by her countrywoman and eventual runner-up Karolina Muchová. Former World No.2 Krejčíková has won two Grand Slam singles titles at 2021 Roland Garros and 2024 Wimbledon. She has also won 10 more Slam titles in women's and mixed doubles.
- Rounding out the Top 4 seeds is Greece's Maria Sakkari, whose career-high ranking of World No.3 is the best ranking ever attained by a Greek woman. This year, Sakkari's best tournament result is the Doha semifinals, where she earned Top 10 wins over Iga Świątek and Jasmine Paolini before falling to eventual champion Karolina Muchová.
- Sakkari has family history at Tour events in Athens. In 1986 (40 years ago), her mother Angeliki Kanellopoulou reached the final of the Athens Trophy, which was the previous Tour event held in the Greek capital.
- Other players in the main draw include No.5 seed Sara Bejlek of Czech Republic, who won the 2026 Abu Dhabi title as a qualifier, and Zheng Qinwen of China, who won the 2024 Olympic gold medal and was the 2024 Australian Open runner-up. Former World No.4 Zheng will face No.6 seed Jessica Bouzas Maneiro of Spain in the first round.
- At least five Greek players will feature in the main draw, with four main draw wild cards from the home country joining Sakkari in the field. Among them is Valentini Grammatikopoulou, who won the WTA 125 Vancouver title in 2022 and reached the second round of the 2021 US Open, as a qualifier on both of those occasions.

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Australia (1)	Ajla Tomljanovic
Belgium (1)	Sofia Costoulas
Bulgaria (1)	Viktoriya Tomova
China (1)	Zheng Qinwen
Czech Republic (3)	Sara Bejlek, Barbora Krejčíková, Tereza Valentová
Denmark (1)	Clara Tauson
France (1)	Carole Monnet
Great Britain (1)	Harriet Dart
Greece (5)	Marianne Argyrokastriti, Valentini Grammatikopoulou, Martha Matoula, Sapfo Sakellaridi, Maria Sakkari
Japan (1)	Mai Hontama
Poland (1)	Magda Linette
Spain (1)	Jessica Bouzas Maneiro
Switzerland (1)	Rebeka Masarova
United States (2)	Ann Li, Alycia Parks
Uzbekistan (2)	Polina Kudermetova, Maria Timofeeva

Anna Blinkova, Alina Korneeva, Aliaksandra Sasnovich

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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
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
June 14	Queen's, London	WTA 500	[LL] Donna Vekic	Emma Raducanu	Mihalikova/Nicholls
June 14	's-Hertogenbosch	WTA 250	[Q] Robin Montgomery	[8] Barbora Krejcikova	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	Dabrowski/Stefani
July 11	Wimbledon	Grand Slam	[9] Linda Noskova	[10] Karolina Muchova	TBD Sunday

2026 SUMMARY

- Most Match Wins – Season: Mirra Andreeva (37-11), Aryna Sabalenka (36-6), Elina Svitolina (35-10), Jessica Pegula (35-9), Karolina Muchova (35-9)
- Most Singles Titles – Season: 3, Aryna Sabalenka (Brisbane, Indian Wells, Miami) and Mirra Andreeva (Roland Garros, Linz, Adelaide)
- Most Doubles Titles – Season:
5, Katerina Siniakova – Adelaide (w/Zhang); Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, Roland Garros (each w/Townsend)
5, Taylor Townsend – Austin (w/Hunter); Indian Wells, Miami, Madrid, Roland Garros (each w/Siniakova)
- Singles / Doubles title sweep: Cristina Bucsa (Merida), Linda Noskova (Berlin)
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles: Aryna Sabalenka, 91 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024, including week of July 13, 2026); Total Weeks at No.1 – 99 (including week of July 13, 2026)
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Katerina Siniakova, 191 total (including week of July 13, 2026)
- Youngest titlist: Mirra Andreeva, Adelaide (18)
- Oldest titlist: Sorana Cirstea, Cluj-Napoca (35)
- Lowest-ranked titlist: Robin Montgomery, 's-Hertogenbosch (No.484)
- PIF WTA Top 100 Debuts (11): 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)
- PIF WTA Top 50 Debuts (9): 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)
- PIF WTA Top 10 Debuts (2): Victoria Mboko (Feb 16), Linda Noskova (Jun 22)
 - On Feb 16, Mboko (19 years old) joined Mirra Andreeva (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)