

PREVIEW NOTES

MSC HAMBURG LADIES OPEN

HAMBURG, GERMANY



July 20-26, 2026 | WTA 250 | €246,388

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Main draw dates: Mon. July 20 – Sun. July 26, 2026
Singles Final: Sunday, July 26
Doubles Final: Sunday, July 26
Venue: Tennisstadion am Rothenbaum
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 5th edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Red Clay - Outdoor
Tennis Ball: Dunlop Fort Clay Court
2025 Singles Final: [5] Lois Boisson d. [7] Anna Bondar, 7-5, 6-3
2025 Doubles Final: [1] N.Kichenok/Ninomiya d. Bondar/Rus, 6-4, 3-6, 11-9

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

TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT MAIN DRAW APPEARANCES	BEST TOURNAMENT RESULT
[1] Oleksandra Oliynykova	1st	Making her tournament debut
[2] Anhelina Kalinina	1st	Making her tournament debut
[3] Panna Udvardy	2nd	2023: Round of 16
[4] Anna Bondar	2nd	2025: Runner-up

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MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Main-draw wildcards: Tessa Johanna Brockmann, Nastasja Schunk, Valentina Steiner, Julia Stusek

Youngest singles player: Julia Stusek (18) | **Oldest singles player:** Katarzyna Kawa (33)

*(*does not include qualifiers)*

- Top seed Oleksandra Oliynykova is set to make her maiden main draw appearance in Hamburg. It marks just the second Tour-level event of her career at which she has been seeded, having been the No.3 seed at Iasi last week. The Ukrainian reached her second career Tour-level semifinal at Iasi (I. Badosa), having previously made her maiden semifinal appearance earlier this season at Cluj-Napoca (I. Raducanu). She has compiled a 16-10 record across all levels on clay in 2026, highlighted by a runner-up finish at the WTA 125 event in Antalya.
- Anhelina Kalinina is the No.2 seed and makes her tournament debut at Hamburg this week. The Ukrainian has enjoyed an impressive clay court season in 2026, finishing runner-up in Rabat (I. Marcinko in F) and capturing back-to-back WTA 125 titles in Antalya (Antalya WTA 125 2 and Antalya WTA 125 3). She also reached the finals at Antalya WTA 125 1 and Dubrovnik WTA 125. She's seeking her first match win since Eastbourne after losing in the 1r at Wimbledon (I. Rakhimova) and Iasi (I. Badosa).
- No.3 seed Panna Udvardy returns to Hamburg for just her second career appearance after reaching the second round on debut last year (d. Schmiedlova in 1r before falling to Lys in 2r). She has enjoyed the best clay court season of her career in 2026, compiling a 12-8 Tour-level record on the surface. Her standout results include finishing runner-up in Bogota (I. Bouzkova), reaching the semifinals in Rabat (I. Kalinina), and advancing to the quarterfinals in Iasi last week (I. Badosa).
- Completing the Top 4 seeds is last year's runner-up Anna Bondar of Hungary, who returns to Hamburg for just the second time in her career after an impressive run to her first and only to date Tour-level final here in 2025. Bondar has enjoyed a consistent 2026 campaign, highlighted by quarterfinal appearances at Hobart on hard court (I. eventual champion Cocciaretto) and on clay at both Rouen (I. Cirstea) and Rabat (I. Kalinina). She also recorded a career milestone on the clay in Madrid, where she upset World No.7 Elina Svitolina to earn the first Top 10 victory of her career.
- All four wild cards have been awarded to young German players. The youngest player in this year's draw is 18-year-old Julia Stusek, who is making just her second career Tour-level main draw appearance after falling in the first round at 2024 Bad Homburg (entered as a lucky loser, I. Stearns). Stusek claimed her maiden ITF World Tennis Tour title last month at the W35 event in Klosters on clay. Valentina Steiner is also making her second career Tour-level main draw appearance, having qualified for last year's Hamburg main draw (I. Uebelhoer in 1r), while Tessa Johanna Brockmann makes her Tour-level debut this week. The fourth wild card, Nastasja Schunk, brings the most Tour-level experience of the quartet, competing in her seventh Tour-level event and first since Hamburg in 2025, where she recorded her maiden, and so far only, Tour-level main draw win as a qualifier (d. Sasnovich in 1r, I. Galfi in 2r).

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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Andorra (1)	Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva
Argentina (1)	Nadia Podoroska
Armenia (1)	Alina Charaeva
Austria (1)	Sinja Kraus
Egypt (1)	Mayar Sherif
France (1)	Elsa Jacquemot
Germany (6)	Tessa Johanna Brockmann, Tamara Korpatsch, Noma Noha Akugue, Nastasja Schunk, Valentina Steiner, Julia Stusek
Hungary (2)	Anna Bondar, Panna Udvardy
Japan (1)	Moyuka Uchijima
Kazakhstan (1)	Yulia Putintseva
Latvia (1)	Darja Semenistaja
Poland (1)	Katarzyna Kawa
Slovenia (1)	Veronika Erjavec
Spain (4)	Paula Badosa, Kaitlin Quevedo, Leyre Romero Gormaz, Sara Sorribes Tormo
Switzerland (1)	Simona Waltert
Ukraine (2)	Anhelina Kalinina, Oleksandra Oliynykova

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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 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	[1] Dabrowski/Stefani
July 12	Wimbledon	Grand Slam	[9] Linda Noskova	[10] Karolina Muchova	[10] Guo/Mladenovic
July 19	Iasi	WTA 250	<i>Mayar Sherif or Paula Badosa</i>		<i>TBD</i>
July 19	Athens	WTA 250	<i>[3] Barbora Krejcikova or [4] Maria Sakkari</i>		<i>TBD</i>

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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 3-Set Match Wins: Coco Gauff (15-9), Magda Linette (12-2), Elina Svitolina (12-2), Jessica Pegula (12-4)
- Most Tie-Break Sets Won: Sorana Cirstea (10-3), Aryna Sabalenka (9-3), Anna Bondar (9-7), Karolina Pliskova (8-2), Jessica Pegula (8 3)
- 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)
- Most Aces: Elena Rybakina – 289
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles: Aryna Sabalenka, 92 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024, including week of July 20, 2026); Total Weeks at No.1 – 100 (including week of July 20, 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 (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 (June 8), Alina Korneeva (June 8), Darja Vidmanova (Jun 22), Kaitlin Quevedo (Jul 13)
- PIF WTA Top 50 Debuts (11): 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)
- PIF WTA Top 20 Debuts (2): Iva Jovic (Feb 2), Sorana Cirstea (May 18)
- 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)