



PREVIEW NOTES

ATX OPEN AUSTIN, USA



February 23 - March 1, 2026 | WTA 250 | \$283,347

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Main draw dates: Mon. Feb. 23 – Sun. Mar. 1, 2026
Singles Final: Sunday, Mar. 1
Doubles Final: Sunday, Mar. 1
Venue: Westwood Country Club
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 4th edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Hardcourt (Plexicushion) / Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Dunlop Grand Prix - Regular Duty
2025 Singles Final: [1] Jessica Pegula d. [5] McCartney Kessler, 7-5, 6-2
2025 Doubles Final: Blinkova/Yuan d. Kessler/Zhang, 3-6, 6-1, [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	\$4,285	30
Round of 32	\$3,065	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] Jessica Pegula	2nd	2025 Champion
[2] Iva Jovic	1st	Making tournament debut
[3] Wang Xinyu	1st	Making tournament debut
[4] Peyton Stearns	4th	2023 Quarterfinals

TOURNAMENT HONOR ROLL

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	LEVEL
2023	[8] Marta Kostyuk	Varvara Gracheva	6-3, 7-5	WTA 250
2024	[8] Yuan Yue	[6] Wang Xiyu	6-4, 7-6(4)	WTA 250
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MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Main-draw wildcards : Bianca Andreescu, Mary Stoiana, Taylor Townsend, Venus Williams

Youngest singles player: Iva Jovic (18) | **Oldest singles player:** Venus Williams (45)

**does not include qualifiers*

- The WTA Tour heads to the United States for the first time this year with the WTA 250 ATX Open in Austin. It is the 4th edition of the event which began in 2023.
- The field is led by defending champion Jessica Pegula, who enters Austin on a 5-match winning streak. On Saturday, World No.5 Pegula won her fourth career WTA 1000 title (and 10th WTA Tour singles title overall) by defeating Elina Svitolina in the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships final.
- No.1 seed Pegula has reached at least the semifinals at each of her three events this year – she was also a semifinalist at Brisbane (l. eventual runner-up Kostyuk) and the Australian Open (l. eventual champion Rybakina).
- No.2 seed Iva Jovic joins her fellow American Pegula as another Top 20 player in the field. The 18-year-old Jovic had a breakthrough season in 2025, improving her ranking from No.191 to No.35 and winning her first WTA Tour title at WTA 500 Guadalajara. Her upward trajectory has continued in 2026, reaching another final in Hobart and her first Grand Slam quarterfinal at the Australian Open, after which she made her Top 20 debut.
- Both Pegula and Jovic have notched 13 Tour-level match-wins this year – they are tied for the second-most victories on Tour in 2026 (along with Victoria Mboko). Elina Svitolina is this year’s Tour-level match-win leader, with 15 victories so far.
- Seven-time Grand Slam singles champion Venus Williams will be making her Austin tournament debut as a main draw wild card. Former World No.1 Williams will be playing her fourth event of 2026, and she is seeking her first win since she defeated Peyton Stearns at Washington, D.C. last summer. Williams’ most recent match was a three-set loss to Olga Danilovic in the first round of this year’s Australian Open.
- Two other main draw wild cards also have Grand Slam titles to their name. Bianca Andreescu won the 2019 US Open title, where she became the first Canadian to win a Grand Slam singles title. Taylor Townsend has won two Grand Slam doubles titles (2024 Wimbledon and 2025 Australian Open, both with Katerina Siniakova) and held the Doubles World No.1 ranking for eight weeks last summer.
- Seeded No.3 is another player who has racked up double-digit wins already this year, Wang Xinyu of China. Wang started this season strongly by making her second career WTA Tour singles final at Auckland (l. Svitolina in final), and she also reached the Australian Open Round of 16 and the Cluj-Napoca quarterfinals. She is 11-5 on the year.
- The No.4 seed is Peyton Stearns, who has had success in the city of Austin. During her time at the University of Texas at Austin, the American helped her college team capture back-to-back NCAA team titles. In 2022, Stearns also won the NCAA Division I Women’s Singles National Championship, becoming the first University of Texas player to claim that trophy. Stearns has played every edition of this event and made the quarterfinals in 2023.
- Seeded No.5 is France’s Varvara Gracheva, who was the runner-up at the inaugural ATX Open in 2023 (l. Kostyuk in final). During this month’s Middle East swing, Gracheva picked up wins as a qualifier at two WTA 1000 events, reaching the Round of 16 at Doha (l. eventual semifinalist Sakkari) and the second round at Dubai (l. eventual champion Pegula).



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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Australia (2)	Kimberly Birrell, Ajla Tomljanovic
Canada (1)	Bianca Andreescu
China (1)	Wang Xinyu
Croatia (1)	Petra Marcinko
France (1)	Varvara Gracheva
Great Britain (1)	Francesca Jones
Hungary (2)	Anna Bondar, Dalma Galfi
New Zealand (1)	Lulu Sun
Slovakia (1)	Rebecca Sramkova
Slovenia (1)	Kaja Juvan
United States (10)	Iva Jovic, Ashlyn Krueger, Caty McNally, Alycia Parks, Jessica Pegula, Peyton Stearns, Mary Stoiana, Taylor Townsend, Katie Volynets, Venus Williams
Uzbekistan (1)	Kamilla Rakhimova

Anna Blinkova, Oksana Selekhmeteva, Anastasia Zakharova

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2026 SUMMARY

- Most Match Wins – Season: Elina Svitolina (15-3), Jessica Pegula (13-2), Victoria Mboko (13-4), Iva Jovic (13-4)
- Most Singles Titles – Season: 10 players with one title
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles: Aryna Sabalenka, 71 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024); Total Weeks at No.1 – 79 (including week of February 23)
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Elise Mertens, returned to No.1 on February 2, 2026; Total Weeks at No.1 – 43 (including week of February 23)
- Youngest titlist: Mirra Andreeva, Adelaide (18)
- Oldest titlist: Sorana Cirstea, Cluj-Napoca (35)
- Lowest-ranked titlist: Katie Boulter, Ostrava (No.120)
- PIF WTA Top 50 Debuts: Cristina Bucsa (Jan 5), Janice Tjen (Feb 2), Tereza Valentova (Feb 2)
- PIF WTA Top 10 Debuts: Victoria Mboko (Feb 16)
 - On February 16, Mboko (19 years old) joined Mirra Andreeva (18) 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).



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2026 WTA TOUR SINGLES FINALS

END DATE	TOURNAMENT	LEVEL	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP
Jan 11	United Cup	WTA 500	Poland	Switzerland
Jan 11	Brisbane	WTA 500	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[16] Marta Kostyuk
Jan 11	Auckland	WTA 250	[1] Elina Svitolina	[7] Wang Xinyu
Jan 17	Adelaide	WTA 500	[3] Mirra Andreeva	[8] Victoria Mboko
Jan 17	Hobart	WTA 250	[Q] Elisabetta Cocciaretto	[3] Iva Jovic
Feb 1	Australian Open	Grand Slam	[5] Elena Rybakina	[1] Aryna Sabalenka
Feb 7	Abu Dhabi	WTA 500	[Q] Sara Bejlek	[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova
Feb 7	Ostrava	WTA 250	Katie Boulter	Tamara Korpatsch
Feb 7	Cluj-Napoca	WTA 250	[3] Sorana Cirstea	[1] Emma Raducanu
Feb 14	Doha	WTA 1000	[14] Karolina Muchova	[10] Victoria Mboko
Feb 21	Dubai	WTA 1000	[4] Jessica Pegula	[7] Elina Svitolina