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MUBADALA ABU DHABI OPEN

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February 1-7, 2026 | WTA 500 | \$1,206,446

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Main draw dates: Sun. Feb. 1 – Sat. Feb. 7, 2026
Singles Final: Saturday, Feb. 7 not before 5:00 p.m.
Doubles Final: Saturday, Feb. 7 at 2:30 p.m.
Venue: International Tennis Centre
Status: WTA 500
Staging: 4th edition
Draw sizes: 28 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard (Laykold) / Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Dunlop Australian Open
2025 Singles Final: [WC] Belinda Bencic d. Ashlyn Krueger, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1
2025 Doubles Final: [1] Ostapenko/Perez d. [4] Mladenovic/Zhang, 6-2, 6-1

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$185,500	500
Runner-Up	\$114,500	325
Semifinalist	\$66,003	195
Quarterfinalist	\$35,000	108
Round of 16	\$18,045	60
Round of 32	\$13,005	1

DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$61,540	500
Runner-Up	\$37,400	325
Semifinalist	\$21,720	195
Quarterfinalist	\$11,150	108
Round of 16	\$6,800	1

TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT MAIN DRAW APPEARANCES	BEST TOURNAMENT RESULT
[1] Belinda Bencic	3rd	2023, 2025 Champion
[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova	1st	Making debut at this tournament
[3] Clara Tauson	1st	Making debut at this tournament
[4] Emma Navarro	1st	Making debut at this tournament



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MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Main-draw wildcards : Hailey Baptiste, Teodora Kostovic, Zeynep Sonmez, Ajla Tomljanovic

Youngest singles player: Teodora Kostovic (18) | **Oldest singles player:** Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (34)

**does not include qualifiers*

- Following WTA 500 tournaments at Brisbane, Adelaide and the United Cup team event, the Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open presented by Abu Dhabi Sports Council is this year's first WTA 500 event held outside of Australia.
- The field is led by Top 10 player and defending champion Belinda Bencic, who holds the No.1 seed. Bencic will aim to maintain her perfect record at Abu Dhabi – she is 9-0 at this tournament after winning titles in 2023 and 2025.
- Bencic's spectacular rise during the 2025 season – skyrocketing from No.421 at the start of last year to a No.11 year-end ranking – was bolstered by her Abu Dhabi triumph, which was her first title since returning from maternity leave.
- In 2026, Bencic opened the season with a 5-0 singles record for Team Switzerland at the United Cup. Following that showing, she returned to the Top 10 of the PIF WTA Singles Rankings for the first time since April 2, 2023.
- The No.2 seed is Ekaterina Alexandrova, who will seek to snap a three-match losing streak, after a R16 finish at Brisbane and opening losses at Adelaide and the Australian Open. Alexandrova ended 2025 on a high note, making her Top 10 debut on October 13, 2025 and finishing last year inside that echelon.
- Seeded No.3 is Clara Tauson, who is making her Abu Dhabi debut. Tauson reached her biggest career final during last year's Middle East swing, finishing runner-up at WTA 1000 Dubai (I. M. Andreeva). So far in 2026, Tauson suffered opening losses at Brisbane and Adelaide before making the 3rd round at the Australian Open (I. Mboko).
- Emma Navarro is the No.4 seed, and she is also making her first appearance at Abu Dhabi. Former World No.8 Navarro's best result so far this season is a quarterfinal finish at Adelaide; she lost her opening matches at Auckland and the Australian Open. (The Top 4 seeds receive first-round byes this week.)
- Liudmila Samsonova, who is making her fourth straight appearance at Abu Dhabi, rounds out the Top 5 seeds, all of whom are Top 20 players. Samsonova was the Abu Dhabi runner-up to Bencic in 2023, and she also reached the 2024 semifinals (I. eventual champion Rybakina). Samsonova holds a 7-3 career win-loss record at this event.
- Last year's runner-up Ashlyn Krueger is also back in Abu Dhabi. Krueger made her first WTA 500 final here last year before falling in three sets to Bencic. She will aim to add to her one career WTA singles title (2023 Osaka).
- 2024 runner-up Daria Kasatkina is also in the field – that 2024 result is one of the 15 WTA 500 finals Kasatkina has reached in her career. Kasatkina, who lost to Elena Rybakina in the 2024 final, also made the quarterfinals in 2023.
- Among the other players are Alexandra Eala and Janice Tjen, both of whom are trailblazers for their countries. Eala recently became the first player from the Philippines to crack the Top 50 of the PIF WTA Rankings. Tjen won her first WTA singles title at Chennai last year, becoming the first Indonesian to capture a WTA singles title since 2002.
- The main draw wild cards are Hailey Baptiste, Teodora Kostovic, Ajla Tomljanovic and Zeynep Sonmez. Sonmez reached her second career Grand Slam third round at the 2026 Australian Open – she is the only Turkish woman in the Open Era to make it that far at a Grand Slam singles event.



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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Australia (3)	Maya Joint, Daria Kasatkina, Ajla Tomljanovic
Brazil (1)	Beatriz Haddad Maia
Canada (1)	Leylah Fernandez
Denmark (1)	Clara Tauson
Indonesia (1)	Janice Tjen
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Philippines (1)	Alexandra Eala
Serbia (1)	Teodora Kostovic
Spain (3)	Paula Badosa, Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Cristina Bucsa
Switzerland (1)	Belinda Bencic
Turkey (1)	Zeynep Sonmez
Ukraine (1)	Dayana Yastremska
United States (5)	Hailey Baptiste, Sofia Kenin, McCartney Kessler, Ashlyn Krueger, Emma Navarro

Ekaterina Alexandrova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Liudmila Samsonova

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2026 SUMMARY

- Most Match Wins – Season: Aryna Sabalenka (11-1), Iva Jovic (11-3), Elina Svitolina (10-1), Elena Rybakina (9-1), Mirra Andreeva (9-2)
- Most Singles Titles – Season: Elena Rybakina, 1 (Australian Open); Aryna Sabalenka, 1 (Brisbane); Mirra Andreeva, 1 (Adelaide); Elina Svitolina, 1 (Auckland), Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 1 (Hobart)
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles: Aryna Sabalenka, 68 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024); Total Weeks at No.1 – 76 (including week of February 2, 2026)
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Elise Mertens, projected to return to No.1 on February 2, 2026; Total Weeks at No.1 – 40 (including week of February 2, 2026)
- Youngest titlist: Mirra Andreeva, Adelaide (18 years, 263 days old)
- Oldest titlist: Elina Svitolina, Auckland (31 years, 121 days old)
- Lowest-ranked titlist: Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Hobart (No.80)



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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 Andrejeva	[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