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PREVIEW NOTES

Main draw dates: Mon. Oct. 19 – Sun. Oct. 25, 2026
Singles Final: Sunday, Oct. 25 at 1:30pm
Doubles Final: Sunday, Oct. 25 not before 3:30pm
Venue: Morita Tennis Center Utsubo
Status: WTA 250
Staging: 42nd edition
Draw sizes: 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying
Surface: Hard court / Deco Turf - Outdoors
Tennis Ball: Yonex Tour Platinum
2025 Singles Final: [4] Leylah Fernandez d. Tereza Valentova , 6-0, 5-7, 6-3
2025 Doubles Final: [2] Mladenovic/Townsend d. Hunter/Krawczyk, 6-4, 2-6, 10-5

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	TOURNAMENT RESULTS
[1] Ann Li	2nd	2025: 2r
[2] Peyton Stearns	1st	Tournament debut
[3] Kimberly Birrell	2nd	2024: Runner-Up
[4] Talia Gibson	1st	Tournament debut

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Main draw wildcards : Mai Hontama, Himeno Sakatsume, Ena Shibahara, Moyuka Uchijima

Youngest singles player: Lilli Tagger (18) | **Oldest singles player:** Zhang Shuai (37)

*(*does not include qualifiers)*

- American Ann Li is the No.1 seed this week. She arrives after reaching her first WTA 1000 QF at Wuhan, where she defeated No.2 Sabalenka in the 2r for the best win of her career by ranking. During this year's Asian swing, she also reached the 3r at Beijing (l. Svitolina). Li owns two career Tour-level titles, both on hard court, at 2025 Guangzhou and 2021 Tenerife. Her best results of the 2026 season are SF appearances at Monterrey (l. eventual champion Parry) and Strasbourg (l. eventual champion Navarro). This is her second time as the top seed at a Tour-level event, having fallen in the 1r at 2025 Jiujiang.
- Making her Osaka debut this week is No.2 seed Peyton Stearns. The American owns two career Tour-level titles, winning on hard court at 2026 Austin and on clay at 2024 Rabat. In addition to her title run in Austin, her highlights this season include reaching the final at Guadalajara (l. Jovic in F) and the quarterfinals at Memphis (l. Kalieva). Stearns has won 17 of her 23 Tour-level matches this season on hard court.
- The No.3 seed this week is Kimberly Birrell, who claimed her maiden Tour-level title earlier in this year's Asian swing at Seoul (d. Joint in F). The Australian is making her second main draw appearance at the tournament, having reached her first career Tour-level final on her 2024 debut (l. Lamens in F). Alongside her title run in Seoul, her other highlights this season have also come on hard court, with SF appearances at Austin (l. eventual champion Stearns) and Adelaide (l. Mboko).
- Talia Gibson is the No.4 seed this week and is making her Osaka debut. The Australian reached her maiden Tour-level final earlier in this year's Asian swing at Singapore (l. Fernandez in F). Of her 17 Tour-level main draw wins this season, 14 have come on hard court. In addition to her run to the final in Singapore, Gibson reached her first career WTA 1000 QF at Indian Wells (l. Noskova) and the SFs on grass at Nottingham (l. Pliskova).
- 2023 champion Ashlyn Krueger is making her fourth straight appearance at this event. The American won her first career WTA title here three years ago, defeating Zhu Lin in the final. Krueger made another hard court final at 2025 Abu Dhabi, and she posted her best career Grand Slam result this year by making the Wimbledon R16 as a qualifier.
- Last year's runner-up Tereza Valentova is also in this year's main draw; the Czech teenager made her first WTA final here last year before falling to Leylah Fernandez. Another Czech in this year's main draw, Katerina Siniakova, was the runner-up at this event 10 years ago in 2016, when the event was held in Tokyo. An additional former runner-up in the main draw is Magda Linette, who was the finalist 11 years ago in 2015, when the event was held in Tokyo.
- Four Japanese players received this week's main draw wild cards: Mai Hontama, Himeno Sakatsume, Ena Shibahara and Moyuka Uchijima. Of those four players, Hontama has had the best prior result at this event, reaching the 2023 semifinals as a wild card (l. eventual champion Krueger). The most recent Japanese players to make the final of this event were in 2019, when the event was held in Hiroshima and Nao Hibino defeated Misaki Doi in an all-Japanese final.

COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Australia (2)	Kimberly Birrell, Talia Gibson
Austria (1)	Lilli Tagger
China (1)	Zhang Shuai
Croatia (1)	Antonia Ruzic
Czech Republic (2)	Katerina Siniakova, Tereza Valentova
Great Britain (2)	Katie Boulter, Sonay Kartal
Indonesia (1)	Janice Tjen
Japan (4)	Mai Hontama, Himeno Sakatsume, Ena Shibahara, Moyuka Uchijima
Poland (1)	Magda Linette
Spain (2)	Paula Badosa, Kaitlin Quevedo
Switzerland (1)	Viktorija Golubic
Thailand (1)	Lanlana Tatarudee
Turkey (1)	Zeynep Sonmez
Ukraine (1)	Oleksandra Oliynykova
United States (4)	Ashlyn Krueger, Ann Li, Caty McNally, Peyton Stearns

Liudmila Samsonova

(*list does not include qualifiers)

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

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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
Jun 14	London	WTA 500	[LL] Donna Vekic	Emma Raducanu	Mihalikova/Nicholls
Jun 14	's-Hertogenbosch	WTA 250	[Q] Robin Montgomery	[8] Barbora Krejcikova	Aoyama/Liang
Jun 21	Berlin	WTA 500	[8] Linda Noskova	[3] Jessica Pegula	Alexandrova/Noskova
Jun 21	Nottingham	WTA 250	[4] Marie Bouzkova	[3] Emma Navarro	[WC] Dart/Lumsden
Jun 27	Bad Homburg	WTA 500	[4] Karolina Muchova	[6] Naomi Osaka	Sutjiadi/Zvonareva
Jun 27	Eastbourne	WTA 250	[2] Madison Keys	Tatjana Maria	[1] Dabrowski/Stefani
Jul 12	Wimbledon	Grand Slam	[9] Linda Noskova	[10] Karolina Muchova	[10] Guo/Mladenovic
Jul 19	Athens	WTA 250	[3] Barbora Krejcikova	[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
Sept 19	Guadalajara	WTA 500	[2] Iva Jovic	Peyton Stearns	[1] Bucsa/Melichar-Martinez
Sept 20	Sao Paulo	WTA 250	[7] Kaitlin Quevedo	Nadia Podoroska	[1] Stefani/Dabrowski
Sept 27	Singapore	WTA 500	[6] Leylah Fernandez	Talia Gibson	Routliffe/Sutjiadi
Sept 27	Seoul	WTA 250	[2] Kimberly Birrell	[5] Maya Joint	[1] Chan/Wu
Oct 11	Beijing	WTA 1000	[WC] Zheng Qinwen	[4] Mirra Andreeva	[2] Dabrowski/Stefani
Oct 18	Wuhan	WTA 1000	[16] Maja Chwalinska or Sonay Kartal – TBD Sunday		TBD Sunday

2026 WTA BY THE NUMBERS

- Most Match Wins – Season: Jessica Pegula (50-14), Mirra Andreeva (50-16), Elena Rybakina (49-14), Elina Svitolina (48-15), Aryna Sabalenka (47-11), Coco Gauff (47-15)
- Most Singles Titles – Season: 3, Aryna Sabalenka (Brisbane, Indian Wells, Miami), Mirra Andreeva (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 made her World No.1 debut on Monday, September 14, the week of October 19 will be her sixth week with the top ranking
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Katerina Siniakova, 205 total (including week of October 19, 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)
- 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), Kimberly Birrell (Seoul), Kaitlin Quevedo (Sao Paulo)
**could include Maja Chwalinska if she wins the Wuhan title on Sunday*
- 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 (17): 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), Yulia Starodubtseva (Sep 14), Kimberly Birrell (Sep 28), Talia Gibson (Sep 28)
- 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 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)