

April 6-12, 2026 | WTA 500 | €1,049,083

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PREVIEW NOTES

Main draw dates: Mon. Apr. 6 – Sun. Apr. 12, 2026
Singles Final: Sunday, April 12
Doubles Final: Sunday, April 12
Venue: Design Center Linz
Status: WTA 500
Staging: 35th edition
Draw sizes: 28 singles / 16 doubles teams / 16 singles qualifying
Surface: Clay Court / Indoor
Tennis Ball: Dunlop Fort Clay Court
2025 Singles Final: [4] Ekaterina Alexandrova d. [5] Dayana Yastremska, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5
2025 Doubles Final: [4] Babos/Stefani d. [3] L. Kichenok/N. Kichenok, 3-6, 7-5, [10-4]

SINGLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	€161,310	500
Runner-Up	€99,565	325
Semifinalist	€57,395	195
Quarterfinalist	€30,435	108
Round of 16	€15,690	60
Round of 32	€11,309	1

DOUBLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	€53,510	500
Runner-Up	€32,520	325
Semifinalist	€18,890	195
Quarterfinalist	€9,700	108
Round of 16	€5,910	1

TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT MAIN DRAW APPEARANCES	BEST TOURNAMENT RESULT
[1] Mirra Andreeva	1st	Making tournament debut
[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova	8th	2025 Champion
[3] Liudmila Samsonova	1st	Making tournament main-draw debut
[4] Jelena Ostapenko	4th	2024 Champion

MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

Main-draw wildcards : Paula Badosa, Sinja Kraus, Sloane Stephens, Lilli Tagger

Youngest singles player: Lilli Tagger (18) | **Oldest singles player**: Tatjana Maria (38)

*(*does not include qualifiers)*

- The clay-court swing on the WTA Tour moves into Europe with the Upper Austria Ladies Linz in Linz, Austria. This will be the milestone 35th edition of the event – also its third edition at WTA 500-level, and its first on indoor clay.
- World No.10 Mirra Andreeva leads the field as the No.1 seed. The 18-year-old Andreeva has posted a 14-6 win-loss record to start this year, and she earned her 4th career WTA singles title at Adelaide in January, beating fellow teenager Victoria Mboko in the final. This will be Andreeva’s first appearance at the Upper Austria Ladies Linz.
- Defending champion Ekaterina Alexandrova returns to Linz as the No.2 seed, and she will be making her 8th appearance at this event. Alexandrova reached her first career WTA final here in 2018 as a 119th-ranked qualifier, and she finished as Linz runner-up once more in 2024. In her third Linz final, Alexandrova earned the crown at last by defeating Dayana Yastremska in the 2025 final. Alexandrova has a 17-6 main draw win-loss record at Linz.
- Liudmila Samsonova is this week’s No.3 seed, and she is making her Linz main-draw debut. Samsonova did play qualifying at Linz in 2019, where she lost to the eventual champion – Coco Gauff, who won her first WTA singles title at 2019 Linz as a 15-year-old lucky loser. Since then, Samsonova has become a 5-time titlist on the WTA Tour.
- Jelena Ostapenko, another former Linz champion, is this week’s No.4 seed. Ostapenko clinched this title in 2024, defeating Alexandrova in the final – one of Ostapenko’s five career WTA 500 titles. The Latvian was also the 2019 Linz runner-up, losing in that final to Gauff. Overall, Ostapenko has an 8-2 main draw win-loss record at Linz.
- Other former champions in the field include 2023 titlist Anastasia Potapova and 2014 victor Karolina Pliskova. Former World No.1 Pliskova missed most of the 2025 season while recovering from ankle surgery. This year, she made the Australian Open third round in her first Tour-level event since the 2024 US Open.
- Two players have won WTA singles titles this year while ranked outside the Top 100, and they are both contesting this week’s event. Sara Bejlek won the 2026 Abu Dhabi title as a No.101-ranked qualifier; she has since made the Top 40 and is this week’s No.8 seed. Former Top 25 player Katie Boulter was ranked No.120 when she won her 4th career WTA singles title at 2026 Ostrava, and she too has worked her way back inside the Top 70 of the rankings.
- Alexandra Eala will become the first player from the Philippines to contest the main draw of the Upper Austria Ladies Linz. The 20-year-old Eala’s top results so far this season include the Auckland semifinals, as well as quarterfinal finishes at WTA 500 Abu Dhabi and WTA 1000 Dubai.
- This week’s main draw wild cards include former World No.3 Sloane Stephens (the 2017 US Open champion) and former World No.2 Paula Badosa, as well as Austrians Sinja Kraus and Lilli Tagger. Badosa and Tagger will face off in an all-wild card first-round meeting.
- Teaming up for the very first time, Sorana Cirstea and Zhang Shuai are the No.1 doubles seeds this week in Linz. Zhang clinched her third Grand Slam doubles title alongside Elise Mertens at this year’s Australian Open. Cirstea won the biggest doubles title of her career last year on the clay of Madrid, partnering Anna Kalinskaya.

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COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Austria (4)	Julia Grabher, Sinja Kraus, Anastasia Potapova, Lilli Tagger
China (1)	Zhang Shuai
Czech Republic (2)	Sara Bejlek, Karolina Pliskova
Germany (1)	Tatjana Maria
Great Britain (1)	Katie Boulter
Hungary (2)	Dalma Galfi, Panna Udvardy
Latvia (1)	Jelena Ostapenko
Philippines (1)	Alexandra Eala
Romania (3)	Sorana Cirstea, Jaqueline Cristian, Elena-Gabriela Ruse
Spain (1)	Paula Badosa
Ukraine (1)	Dayana Yastremska
United States (3)	Ann Li, Alycia Parks, Sloane Stephens

Ekaterina Alexandrova, Mirra Andreeva, Liudmila Samsonova

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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
Mar 1	Merida	WTA 500	Cristina Bucsa	Magdalena Frech
Mar 1	Austin	WTA 250	[4] Peyton Stearns	[WC] Taylor Townsend
Mar 15	Indian Wells	WTA 1000	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[3] Elena Rybakina
Mar 29	Miami	WTA 1000	[1] Aryna Sabalenka	[4] Coco Gauff
Apr 5	Charleston	WTA 500	<i>Final - [1] Jessica Pegula vs. Yulia Starodubtseva</i>	
Apr 5	Bogota	WTA 250	<i>Final - [1] Marie Bouzkova vs. [8] Panna Udvardy</i>	

2026 SUMMARY

- Most Match Wins – Season: Jessica Pegula (23-4)*, Aryna Sabalenka (23-1), Elena Rybakina (21-5), Elina Svitolina (20-5), Victoria Mboko (19-6)
**Pegula's record is up to her Charleston semifinal victory*
- Most Singles Titles – Season: 3, Aryna Sabalenka (Brisbane, Indian Wells, Miami)
- Most Doubles Titles – Season: 3, Katerina Siniakova (Adelaide w/Zhang; Indian Wells w/Townsend; Miami w/Townsend), and Taylor Townsend (Austin w/Hunter; Indian Wells w/Siniakova; Miami w/Siniakova)
- Singles / Doubles title sweep: Cristina Bucsa (Merida)
- Most Aces: Elena Rybakina – 183
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles: Aryna Sabalenka, 77 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024); Total Weeks at No.1 – 85 (including week of April 6, 2026)
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Elise Mertens; Total Weeks at No.1 – 49 (including week of April 6, 2026)
- Youngest titlist: Mirra Andreeva, Adelaide (18 years)
- Oldest titlist: Sorana Cirstea, Cluj-Napoca (35)
- Lowest-ranked titlist: Katie Boulter, Ostrava (No.120)
- PIF WTA Top 100 Debuts (6): 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)
- PIF WTA Top 50 Debuts (4): Cristina Bucsa (Jan 5), Janice Tjen (Feb 2), Tereza Valentova (Feb 2), Sara Bejlek (Feb 9)
- PIF WTA Top 10 Debuts (1): Victoria Mboko (Feb 16)
 - 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)