



# PREVIEW NOTES

## CREDIT ONE CHARLESTON OPEN

### CHARLESTON, USA



March 30 – April 5, 2026 | WTA 500 | \$2,300,000

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**Main draw dates:** Mon. Mar. 30 – Sun. Apr. 5, 2026  
**Singles Final:** Sunday, April 5, not before 2:30 p.m.  
**Doubles Final:** Sunday, April 5, at 12:00 noon  
**Venue:** Live to Play Daniel Island  
**Status:** WTA 500  
**Staging:** 54th edition  
**Draw sizes:** 48 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Green Clay (Har-Tru) / Outdoors  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop Grand Prix Regular Duty  
**2025 Singles Final:** [1] Jessica Pegula d. Sofia Kenin, 6-3, 7-5  
**2025 Doubles Final:** [1] Ostapenko/Routliffe d. [3] Dolehide/Krawczyk, 6-4, 6-2

SINGLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$354,345	500
Runner-Up	\$218,225	325
Semifinalist	\$110,370	195
Quarterfinalist	\$55,200	108
Round of 16	\$27,870	60
Round of 32	\$17,230	32
Round of 64	\$13,830	1

DOUBLES	\$	RANK POINTS
Winner	\$117,320	500
Runner-Up	\$71,300	325
Semifinalist	\$41,400	195
Quarterfinalist	\$21,260	108
Round of 16	\$12,970	1

## TOP 4 SEEDS – TOURNAMENT HISTORY

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT MAIN DRAW APPEARANCES	BEST TOURNAMENT RESULT
[1] Jessica Pegula	8th	2025 Champion
[2] Ekaterina Alexandrova	6th	2022 and 2025 Semifinals
[3] Belinda Bencic	9th	2022 Champion
[4] Iva Jovic	1st	Making tournament debut

### MAIN DRAW QUICK HITS

**Main-draw wildcards :** Bianca Andreescu, Paula Badosa, Jennifer Brady, Sloane Stephens

**Youngest singles player:** Iva Jovic (18) | **Oldest singles player:** Zhang Shuai (37)

*(\*does not include qualifiers)*

- WTA Tour-level clay-court tennis returns to the United States with the 54<sup>th</sup> edition of the WTA 500 Credit One Charleston Open in Charleston, South Carolina, USA.
- Jessica Pegula leads the field as the No.1 seed for the fourth straight year, as she attempts to defend her title on the green clay of Charleston. World No.5 Pegula won her first Tour-level clay-court title at this event last season.
- In 2026, Pegula has been excellent on the hard courts – she has not lost before the quarterfinals in all five of her events this season (she enters Charleston with a 19-4 win-loss record this year). Her top result of the year was at WTA 1000 Dubai, where she defeated Elina Svitolina for her 10th career WTA Tour singles title.
- Ekaterina Alexandrova is this week’s No.2 seed. Alexandrova, who cracked the Top 10 for the first time at the end of last year, is a two-time Charleston semifinalist. She was halted by the eventual champion on each of those occasions – Belinda Bencic in 2022 and Pegula last year.
- No.3 seed Belinda Bencic will be making her 9th appearance in Charleston. In her debut appearance at this event, she reached the 2014 semifinals as a 17-year-old qualifier. In 2022, she won this title by beating Ons Jabeur in the final, and she nearly defended her crown in 2023 – but she finished runner-up to Jabeur in a final rematch.
- Iva Jovic will make her tournament debut as the No.4 seed – as well as the youngest player in the field. The 18-year-old American cracked the Top 20 following a run to her first Grand Slam quarterfinal at the Australian Open. That was part of a stellar January for Jovic, who also made the Hobart final and Auckland semifinals to start 2026.
- Seeded No.5 is another American, Madison Keys, who is making her 13th appearance at this event. 2025 Australian Open champion Keys finished runner-up to Angelique Kerber here in 2015, and she went one better in 2019, when she defeated Caroline Wozniacki in the final for her first career clay-court title.
- Another American in the field who has had previous Charleston success is last year’s runner-up, Sofia Kenin. Kenin made her third career WTA 500 final here last year – although Pegula prevented her from getting her first WTA 500 title. Kenin, the 2020 Australian Open champion, is seeded No.16 here this year.
- Wild card Sloane Stephens joins Pegula, Bencic, and Keys as the former Charleston champions in the main draw. American Stephens, who reached World No.3 in 2018, defeated Elena Vesnina in the 2016 Charleston final.
- Along with 2017 US Open champion Stephens, this year’s main draw wild cards are Bianca Andreescu (2019 US Open champion, former World No.4), Paula Badosa (former World No.2) and Jennifer Brady (2021 Australian Open runner-up).
- The doubles draw is led by No.1 seeds Aleksandra Krunic and Zhang Shuai, two Top 15 doubles players who are teaming up for the very first time. Former WTA Doubles World No.1 Erin Routliffe, who won last year’s Charleston doubles title with Jelena Ostapenko, is pairing up with Jennifer Brady this year.

## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Argentina (1)	Solana Sierra
Australia (1)	Ajla Tomljanovic
Belgium (1)	Elise Mertens
Canada (2)	Bianca Andreescu, Leylah Fernandez
China (1)	Zhang Shuai
Czech Republic (1)	Sara Bejlek
Egypt (1)	Mayar Sherif
Germany (1)	Eva Lys
Greece (1)	Maria Sakkari
Hungary (2)	Anna Bondar, Dalma Galfi
Indonesia (1)	Janice Tjen
Italy (1)	Elisabetta Cocciaretto
Kazakhstan (1)	Yulia Putintseva
Mexico (1)	Renata Zarazua
New Zealand (1)	Lulu Sun
Poland (2)	Magdalena Frech, Magda Linette
Spain (1)	Paula Badosa
Switzerland (1)	Belinda Bencic
Ukraine (3)	Oleksandra Oliynykova, Yuliia Starodubtseva, Dayana Yastremska
United States (13)	Hailey Baptiste, Jennifer Brady, Iva Jovic, Sofia Kenin, McCartney Kessler, Madison Keys, Ashlyn Krueger, Caty McNally, Alycia Parks, Jessica Pegula, Peyton Stearns, Sloane Stephens, Katie Volynets

Ekaterina Alexandrova, Anna Kalinskaya, Diana Shnaider, Anastasia Zakharova

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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

## 2026 SUMMARY

- Most Match Wins – Season: Aryna Sabalenka (23-1), Elena Rybakina (21-5), Elina Svitolina (20-5), Victoria Mboko (19-6), Jessica Pegula (19-4), Karolina Muchova (19-4)
- Most Singles Titles – Season: 3, Aryna Sabalenka (Brisbane, Indian Wells, Miami)
- Most Doubles Titles – Season: 2, Katerina Siniakova (Adelaide w/Zhang), Indian Wells (w/Townsend) (*\*prior to Miami doubles final, Siniakova/Townsend vs. Errani/Paolini*)
- Singles / Doubles title sweep: Cristina Bucsa (Merida)
- Most Aces: Elena Rybakina – 183
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Singles: Aryna Sabalenka, 76 consecutive weeks (since Oct 21, 2024); Total Weeks at No.1 – 84 (including week of Mar 30, 2026)
- PIF WTA World No.1 Ranking – Doubles: Elise Mertens; Total Weeks at No.1 – 48 (including week of Mar 30, 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 (3): Sinja Kraus (Feb 23), Victoria Jimenez Kasintseva (Mar 2), Talia Gibson (Mar 16)
- 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)