



# PREVIEW NOTES

## HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN

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July 23 – July 29, 2023 | WTA 250 | €225,480

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## Hamburg European Open – Quick Facts

**Main draw dates:** Sunday, July 23 – Saturday, July 29, 2023  
**Singles Final:** Saturday, July 29, NB 1:30pm  
**Doubles Final:** Saturday, July 29, 11am (TBC)  
**Venue:** Tennisstadion am Rothenbaum  
**Status:** WTA 250  
**Staging:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition  
**Draw sizes:** 32 singles / 16 doubles teams / 24 singles qualifying  
**Surface:** Red Clay / Outdoors  
**Tennis Ball:** Dunlop Fort Clay Court

SINGLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	29,760	280
Runner-Up	17,590	180
Semifinalist	9,810	110
Quarterfinalist	5,580	60
Round of 16	3,410	30
Round of 32	2,438	1
Qualified	-	18

DOUBLES	€	RANK POINTS
Winner	10,820	280
Runner-Up	6,090	180
Semifinalist	3,504	110
Quarterfinalist	2,086	60
Round of 16	1,606	1

## TOURNAMENT TALKING POINTS

**Wildcards:** Jule Niemeier (GER), Noma Noha Akugue (GER), Ella Seidel (GER)

**Youngest singles player:** Ella Seidel (18)

**Oldest singles player:** Kaia Kanepi (38)

- The summer clay court swing moves to Hamburg this week for 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Hamburg European Open
- No.1 seed **Donna Vekic** and No.2 seed **Mayar Sherif** are both making tournament debut. Vekic is a two-time quarterfinalist on clay (2018 Istanbul, 2019 Stuttgart) – her best result on clay – while Sherif owns a clay-court title (2022 Parma). Sherif has also won six clay-court titles at WTA 125 tournaments
- Defending champion **Bernarda Pera** returns, as No.3 seed, and No.4 seed **Jasmine Paolini** will both face a qualifier in opening round
- Wild cards are granted to home players **Jule Niemeier**, **Noma Noha Akugue** and **Ella Seidel**, joining them representing home country in main draw are **Tamara Korpatsch** and **Eva Lys**
- Interesting first round match ups include No. 2 seed **Mayar Sherif** taking on home player **Eva Lys** and the Germany Derby between **Ella Seidel** and **Jule Niemeier**
- *One to Watch* – **Bernarda Pera**. Both of her two career singles titles came on clay at 2022 Hamburg and 2022 Budapest. The American reached first career R16 at all majors on clay this year at Roland Garros and achieved a career-high ranking at No. 27 the following week. Other notable results on clay this season includes QF run at Strasbourg, R16 at Charleston and 3r at Madrid. As the defending champion in Hamburg, Pera looks to continuing to her strong form on clay.



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## TOP 4 SEEDS' TOURNAMENT HISTORY\*

PLAYER	TOURNAMENT HISTORY	W/L	WIN %
[1] Donna Vekic (CRO)	Making tournament debut	-	-
[2] Mayar Sherif (EGY)	Making tournament debut	-	-
[3] Bernarda Pera (USA)	Won (1): 2022 (d. Kontaveit in F) 2r (1): 2021 (l. Bonaventure)	6-1	.857
[4] Jasmine Paolini (ITA)	1r (1): 2021 (l. Konjuh)	0-1	.000

\*main draw only

## RECENT FINALS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
2022	[6] Irina-Camelia Begu	Lucia Bronzetti	6-2 6-2	Zimmermann/Bondar
2021	[1] Danielle Collins (USA)	[Q] Elena-Gabriela Ruse (ROU)	6-4 6-2	Routliffe/Zimmermann

## COUNTRY & REGION BREAKDOWN

Excluding qualifiers, a total of 16 countries and regions are represented in the main draw, led by Germany with 5 players:

<b>Argentina (2)</b>	Maria Carle, Nadia Podoroska
<b>Australia (1)</b>	Storm Hunter
<b>Austria (1)</b>	Julia Grabher
<b>Brazil (1)</b>	Laura Pigossi
<b>Bulgaria (1)</b>	Viktoriya Tomova
<b>Colombia (1)</b>	Camila Osorio
<b>Croatia (1)</b>	Donna Vekic
<b>Egypt (1)</b>	Mayar Sherif
<b>Estonia (1)</b>	Kaia Kanepi
<b>Germany (5)</b>	Tamara Korpatsch, Eva Lys, Jule Niemeier, Noma Noha Akugue, Ella Seidel
<b>Hungary (1)</b>	Panna Udvardy
<b>Italy (2)</b>	Jasmine Paolini, Martina Trevisan
<b>Kazakhstan (1)</b>	Yulia Putintseva
<b>Netherlands (1)</b>	Arantxa Rus
<b>Slovak (1)</b>	Anna Karolina Schmiedlova
<b>USA (2)</b>	Elvina Kalieva, Bernarda Pera

Kamilla Rakhimova, Diana Shnaider, Maria Timofeeva



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## A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 SO FAR

- **Top-10 debuts (3):** Elena Rybakina (January 30); Beatriz Haddad Maia (June 12); Marketa Vondrousova (July 17)
- **Match wins leaders:** Iga Swiatek (42-7), Aryna Sabalenka (39-9), Elena Rybakina (35-9)
- **Most aces in a match (21):** Rebecca Marino (d. Emina Betkas at Birmingham)
- **Most singles titles (3):** Aryna Sabalenka (Adelaide 1, Australian Open, Madrid), Iga Swiatek (Doha, Stuttgart, Roland Garros)
- **Fewest games dropped en route to a title (5):** Iga Swiatek (Doha)
- **Lowest-ranked title winner (No.508)** Elina Svitolina (Strasbourg)
- **Youngest title winner (18):** Coco Gauff (Auckland)
- **Oldest title winner (35):** Tatjana Maria (Bogotá)
- **Most doubles titles (3):** Barbora Krejčíková (Australian Open, Indian Wells, Birmingham), Luisa Stefani (Adelaide 2, Abu Dhabi, Berlin)
- **Longest Match (3h 51m):** Beatriz Haddad Maia d. Sara Sorribes Tormo 6-7(3) 6-3 7-5 (Roland Garros)

## 2023 WTA TOUR FINALS

WEEK OF	LEVEL	TOURNAMENT	SINGLES FINAL	DOUBLES FINAL
<b>JAN 2</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	Adelaide 1 Auckland Open	[2] A. Sabalenka d [Q] L. Noskova 63 76(4) [1] C. Gauff d [Q] R. Masarova 61 61	[6] A. Muhammad/T. Townsend d [1] S. Hunter/K. Siniakova 62 76(2) [2] M. Kato/A. Sutjiadi d L. Fernandez/B. Mattek-Sands 16 75 10-4
<b>JAN 9</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	Adelaide 2 Hobart	[8] B. Bencic d [5] D. Kasatkina 60 62 [Q] L. Davis d E. Cocciaretto 76(0) 62	L. Stefani/T. Townsend d A. Pavlyuchenkova/E. Rybakina 75 76(3) [1] K. Flipkens/L. Siegemund d V. Golubic/P. Udvardy 64 75
<b>JAN 16</b>	GS	Australian Open	[5] A. Sabalenka d [22] E. Rybakina 46 63 64	[1] B. Krejčíková/K. Siniakova d [10] S. Aoyama/E. Shibahara 64 63
<b>JAN 30</b>	WTA 250 WTA 250	Hua Hin Lyon	L. Zhu d L. Tsurenko 64 64 A. Parks d [1] C. Garcia 76(7) 75	H. Chan/F. Wu d X. Wang/L. Zhu 61 76(6) C. Bucsa/B. Schoofs d O. Danilovic/A. Panova 76(5) 63
<b>FEB 6</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	Abu Dhabi Linz	[2] B. Bencic d [8] L. Samsonova 16 76(8) 64 [8] A. Potapova d [6] P. Martić 63 61	L. Stefani/S. Zhang d S. Aoyama/H. Chan 36 62 10-8 N. Dzalamidze/V. Kuzmova d A. Friedsam/N. Kichenok 46 75 12-10
<b>FEB 13</b>	WTA 500	Doha	[1] I. Swiatek d [2] J. Pegula 6-3 6-0	[1] C. Gauff/J. Pegula d L. Kichenok/J. Ostapenko 6-4 2-6 10-7
<b>FEB 20</b>	WTA 1000 WTA 250	Dubai Merida	B. Krejčíková d [1] I. Swiatek 6-4 6-2 C. Giorgi d [Q] R. Peterson 7-6(3) 1-6 6-2	V. Kudermetova/L. Samsonova d H. Chan/L. Chan 6-4 6-7(4) 10-1 C. McNally/D. Parry d X. Wang/F. Wu 6-0 7-5
<b>FEB 27</b>	WTA 250 WTA 250	Austin Monterrey	[8] M. Kostyuk d V. Gracheva 6-3 7-5 [3] D. Vekic d [1] C. Garcia 6-4 3-6 7-5	[2] E. Routliffe/A. Sutjiadi d [1] N. Melichar-Martinez/E. Perez 6-4 3-6 10-8 Y. Lizarazo/M. García d [WC] K. Birrell/F. Contreras Gómez 6-3 5-7 10-5
<b>MAR 6</b>	WTA 1000	Indian Wells	[10] E. Rybakina d [2] A. Sabalenka 7-6(11) 6-4	[1] B. Krejčíková/K. Siniakova d B. Haddad Maia/L. Siegemund 6-1 6-7(3) 10-7
<b>MAR 20</b>	WTA 1000	Miami	[15] P. Kvitová d [10] E. Rybakina 7-6(14) 6-2	[2] C. Gauff/J. Pegula d L. Fernandez/T. Townsend 7-6(6) 6-2
<b>APR 3</b>	WTA 500 WTA 500	Charleston Bogotá	[2] O. Jabeur d. [4] B. Bencic 7-6(6) 6-4 [2] T. Maria d. P. Stearns 6-3 2-6 6-4	D. Collins/D. Krawczyk d. [1] G. Olmos/E. Shibahara 0-6 6-4 14-12 I. Khromacheva/I. Shymanovich d. O. Kalshnikova/K. Piter 6-1 3-6 10-6
<b>APR 17</b>	WTA 500	Stuttgart	[1] I. Swiatek d [2] A. Sabalenka 6-3 6-4	[2] D. Krawczyk/D. Schuurs d [3] N. Melichar-Martinez/G. Olmos 6-4 6-1
<b>APR 24</b>	WTA 1000	Madrid	[2] A. Sabalenka d. [1] I. Swiatek 6-3 3-6 6-3	V. Azarenka/B. Haddad Maia d. [1] C. Gauff/J. Pegula 6-1 6-4
<b>MAY 8</b>	WTA 1000	Rome	[7] E. Rybakina d. [30] A. Kalinina 6-4 1-0 ret.	[4] S. Hunter/E. Mertens d. [1] C. Gauff/J. Pegula 6-4 6-4



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<b>MAY 21</b>	WTA 250 WTA 250	Strasbourg Rabat	E. Svitolina d. B. Blinkova 6-2 6-3 L. Bronzetti d. J. Grabher 6-4 5-7 7-5	[4]Y.Xu /Z. Yang d. [2] D. Krawczyk / G. Olmos 6-3 6-2 S. Santamaria / Y. Sizikova d. L. Marozava / I. Gamarra Martins 3-6 6-1 10-8
<b>MAY 29</b>	GS	Roland Garros	[1] I. Swiatek d. K. Muchova 6-2 5-7 6-4	X. Wang / S. Hsieh d. [10] L. Fernandez/ T. Townsend 1-6 7-6(5) 6-1
<b>JUN 12</b>	WTA 250 WTA 250	Nottingham 's-Hertogenbosch	[WC] K. Boulter d. J. Burrage 6-3 6-3 [4] E. Alexandrova d. [1] V. Kudermetova 4-6 6-4 7-6(3)	U. Eikeri/I. Neel d. [WC] H. Dart/H. Watson 7-6(6) 5-7 10-8 S. Aoyama/E. Shibahara d. V. Hrucakova/T. Mihalikova 6-3 6-3
<b>JUN 19</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	Berlin Birmingham	[7] P. Kvitova d. D. Vekic 6-2 7-6(6) [2] J. Ostapenko d. [1] B. Krejckova 7-6(8) 6-4	C. Garcia / L. Stefani d. K. Siniakova / M. Vondrousova 4-6 7-6(8) 10-4 [2] M. Kostyuk / B. Krejckova d. [3] S. Hunter / A. Parks 6-2 7-6(7)
<b>JUN 26</b>	WTA 500 WTA 250	Eastbourne Bad Homburg	M. Keys d. [9] D. Kasatkina 6-2 7-6(13) K. Siniakova d. L. Bronzetti 6-2 7-6(5)	[3] D. Krawczyk / D. Schuurs d. [2] N. Melichar-Martinez 6-2 6-4 L. Marozava / I. Gamarra Martins d.E. Hozumi / M. Nivulescu 6-0 7-6(3)
<b>JUL 3</b>	GS	Wimbledon	M.Vondrousova d. O. Jabeur 6-4 6-4	B. Stycova/S. Hsieh d. [3] S. Hunter/E. Mertens 7-5 6-4
<b>JUL 17</b>	WTA 250 WTA 250	Budapest Palermo	M.Timofeeva vs. K.Baindl [5] J.Paolini vs. [2] Q.Zheng	Y.Sizikova/K.Zimmermann vs. A.Moratelli/C.Rosatello K.Piter/F.Stollar vs. J.Aney/A.Siskova