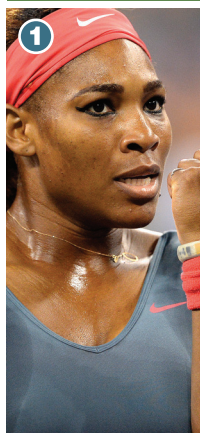


US Open 2014: Women's preview

1 Rank



1 **Serena Williams (USA)** Age: 32

Five-time U.S. Open champion hoping for return to form – yet to make Slam quarter-final in 2014 and remains one title short of 18 majors amassed by **Chris Evert** and **Martina Navratilova**



6 **Maria Sharapova (RUS)** 27

Arguably least favourite surface for Roland Garros champion. Looking to avoid nemesis **Serena Williams** – whom she has not beaten since 2004 – in bid to win second U.S. Open title



2 **Simona Halep (ROM)** 22

Enjoying stellar season, reaching first Grand Slam final at Roland Garros and semis at Wimbledon. At career-high rank of No. 2, but has yet to advance past fourth round at U.S. Open



8 **Eugenie Bouchard (CAN)** 20

Overwhelmed in Wimbledon final but mounting strong challenge to compete amongst tennis elite. Only player in either draw to make semis or better at every Grand Slam this season

PLAYER RECORD	Williams	Halep	Sharapova	Bouchard
2014 win-loss	38-6	38-11	38-9	36-16
2014 titles	5	2	3	1
Career titles	62	8	32	1
Grand Slams	17	0	5	0