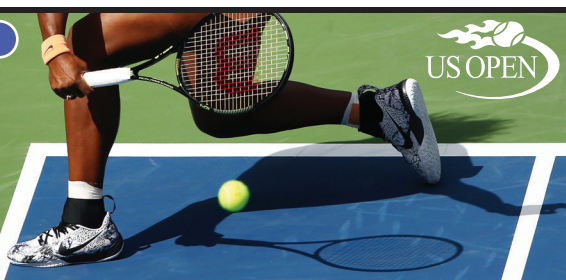


U.S. Open 2016: Women's preview



Serena Williams

Angelique Kerber

Garbine Muguruza

Simona Halep



Last chance of 2016 to claim historic 23rd major title and pass **Steffi Graf's** Open Era record

Enjoying stellar season, winning first Slam at Australian Open and silver medal at Rio Olympics

Cincinnati semi-final will inspire Roland Garros winner to improve on second round loss last season

Seeking elusive first Grand Slam title – lost in semis here in 2015 to eventual winner **Flavia Pennetta**

PLAYER RECORD*	Williams	Kerber	Muguruza	Halep
2016 win-loss	33-5	47-14	28-13	36-13
2016 titles	2	2	1	3
Career titles (total)	71	9	3	14
Grand Slams	22	1	1	0

GRAND SLAM TITLES (Open era)

	Australian Open	Roland Garros	Wimbledon	U.S. Open	Total
Graf	4	6	7	5	22
Williams	6	3	7	6	22
Evert	2	7	3	6	18
Navratilova	3	2	9	4	18
Court	4	3	1	3	11

Williams' love affair with U.S. Open began in 1999 – record-breaking seventh title at Flushing Meadows will eclipse mark set by Chris Evert in 1982

1999	bt M. Hingis	6-3, 7-6	2012	V. Azarenka	6-2, 2-6, 7-5
2002	V. Williams	6-4, 6-3	2013	V. Azarenka	7-5, 6-7, 6-1
2008	J. Jankovic	6-4, 7-5	2014	C. Wozniacki	6-3, 6-3