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Australian Open 2017: Women's preview

Angelique Kerber Serena Williams Agnieszka Radwanska Johanna Konta



Hopes to defend title in Melbourne despite early exits in Brisbane and Sydney warm-up tournaments



Still seeking historic 23rd Grand Slam title after persistent shoulder injury plagued 2016



Yet to win elusive first major but Australian Open offers perhaps best chance for Grand Slam title



Aiming to build on impressive breakthrough season that led to first WTA title and Top 10 ranking

PLAYER RECORD	Kerber	Williams	Radwanska	Konta
2016 win-loss	63-18	38-6	43-12	46-22
2016 titles	3	2	3	1
Career titles (total)	10	71	20	1
Grand Slams	2	22	0	0

RECENT AUSTRALIAN OPEN FINALS

Year's first Grand Slam often produces new champions, with both Kerber and Azarenka claiming maiden major titles in Melbourne

2016	Angelique Kerber <i>GER</i> Serena Williams <i>USA</i>	6-4, 3-6, 6-4
2015	Serena Williams <i>USA</i> Maria Sharapova <i>RUS</i>	6-3, 7-6
2014	Li Na <i>CHN</i> Dominika Cibulkova <i>SVK</i>	7-6, 6-0
2013	Victoria Azarenka <i>BLR</i> Li Na <i>CHN</i>	4-6, 6-4, 6-3
2012	Victoria Azarenka <i>BLR</i> Maria Sharapova <i>RUS</i>	6-3, 6-0

