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Australian Open 2018: Women's preview

Simona Halep

Garbine Muguruza

Elina Svitolina

Venus Williams



Ranked No. 1 after consistent but unspectacular 2017 – yet to win elusive first major

Wimbledon champion aiming to consolidate place in women's elite

Already a winner in 2018 in Brisbane, after impressive year with Premier titles in Dubai, Rome and Toronto

Back in top five after resurgent 2017 – runner-up in two Grand Slams and at WTA finals

PLAYER RECORD	Halep	Muguruza	Svitolina	Williams
2017 win-loss	45-17	47-21	50-13	38-14
2017 titles	1	2	5	0
Career titles (total)	15	5	10	49
Grand Slams	0	2	0	7

MAJOR BATTLE

With **Serena Williams** delaying her return following childbirth, expectation is high for another maiden champion to be crowned in Melbourne. There were seven different major finalists in 2017

Australian Open: Serena Williams **USA**

bt Venus Williams **USA** 6-4, 6-4

Roland Garros: Jelena Ostapenko **LAT**

bt Simona Halep **ROM** 4-6, 6-4, 6-3

Wimbledon: Garbine Muguruza **ESP**

bt Venus Williams **USA** 7-5, 6-0

U.S. Open: Sloane Stephens **USA**

bt Madison Keys **USA** 6-3, 6-0

