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Melbourne Park

Australian Open 2019: Women's preview



Simona Halep

World No.1 claimed maiden major title in 2018 – lost emotional final to Wozniacki here last year



Angelique Kerber

Resurgent last season with third Grand Slam title at Wimbledon and semi-final in Australia



Caroline Wozniacki

Hopes to defend Melbourne title despite early exit to qualifier **Bianca Andreescu** in Auckland



Naomi Osaka

Aiming to build on impressive breakthrough season that led to first major title at U.S. Open

PLAYER RECORD	Halep	Kerber	Wozniacki	Osaka
2018 win-loss	46-11	46-19	41-17	42-20
2018 titles	3	2	3	2
Career titles (total)	18	12	30	2
Grand Slams	1	3	1	1

MAJOR BATTLE: For second successive season, four different women triumphed at Grand Slams – with three maiden champions lifting trophies

Australian Open
Caroline Wozniacki DEN

bt Simona Halep ROM 7-6, 3-6, 6-4

Roland Garros
Simona Halep ROM

bt Sloane Stephens USA 3-6, 6-4, 6-1

Wimbledon
Angelique Kerber GER

bt Serena Williams USA 6-3, 6-3

U.S. Open
Naomi Osaka JPN

bt Serena Williams USA 6-2, 6-4