

COCO GAUFF AND CAROLINE GARCIA QUALIFY FOR 2022 WTA FINALS

- *Gauff and Garcia are the fourth and fifth singles players to secure their place at the WTA Finals*
- *Gauff's debut appearance will see her become the youngest player to compete at the season finale since 2005*
- *Garcia earns her second singles qualification and first since 2017*

ST PETERSBURG, FL, USA - The WTA announced today Coco Gauff and Caroline Garcia have qualified for the [2022 WTA Finals](#), joining WTA World No.1 Iga Swiatek, Ons Jabeur and Jessica Pegula in the singles draw.

Gauff will be making her debut appearance at the prestigious season-ending tournament having qualified in singles and doubles with partner Pegula, and they will be the first Americans to feature at the WTA Finals in both singles and doubles since Serena and Venus Williams in 2009.

Gauff will be aged 18 years and 239 days at the end of the tournament, making her the youngest player to compete at the WTA Finals since 2005 when Maria Sharapova reached the semifinals aged 18 and 208 days. Gauff will also be the youngest American to contest the event since Lindsay Davenport's runner-up finish in 1994 (aged 18 years and 165 days).

France's Garcia is no stranger to the WTA Finals, having qualified in singles in 2017 (reaching the semifinals) and in doubles in 2015 and 2016, and will be bidding to be the first Frenchwoman to win the tournament since Amélie Mauresmo in 2005.

Gauff has enjoyed a phenomenal year on the Hologic WTA Tour to secure her debut singles qualification, reaching her first Grand Slam singles final at Roland-Garros and two further semifinals at the WTA 250 Adelaide International and WTA 500 Bett1Open (Berlin).

She boosted her qualification hopes further by reaching the last eight at the WTA 1000 Qatar TotalEnergies Open (Doha) followed by a strong summer with quarterfinal runs at the WTA 500 Mubadala Silicon Valley Classic (San Jose), WTA 1000 National Bank Open presented by Rogers (Toronto), the US Open and WTA 500 San Diego Open. Her last eight appearance in New York in September propelled her into the Top 10 for the first time in her career, and she peaked in the rankings at No.7 on October 17.

This was the second ranking milestone of her season, as courtesy of her doubles success with Pegula she ascended to the WTA World No.1 ranking on August 15, becoming the second-youngest player in WTA history to achieve this feat.



Garcia has enjoyed a strong return to form in 2022 to qualify for her first WTA Finals in five years, winning three titles this year, firstly at WTA 250 tournaments at Bad Homburg Open presented by Engel & Voelkers and the BNP Paribas Poland Open (Warsaw). She then came through qualifying to win the WTA 1000 Western & Southern Open (Cincinnati), defeating three Top 10 player enroute to the title.

In addition she reached a further three semifinals, at the WTA 250 Open 6e Sens Métropole de Lyon and the Ladies Open Lausanne, before posting her best Grand Slam singles result by making the last four at the US Open. Her result in New York saw her return to the Top 10 for the first time since October 2018.



The 2022 WTA Finals features the top 8 singles players and doubles teams on the Race to the WTA Finals, competing in a round-robin format with the singles champion lifting the WTA Finals Billie Jean King Trophy and the doubles champions earning the WTA Finals Martina Navratilova Trophy.

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