



DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

# the **Baseline** DAILY NEWSLETTER



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Tournament fifth seed Caroline Garcia experienced the spectacular Dubai Fountain from just metres away yesterday. The world number seven took some time out to experience the new Dubai Fountain Boardwalk and witness amazing views of the world's largest performing fountains.

## What's on Today

### Lacoste Special Needs Clinic

- The Lacoste Special Needs Clinic is on today.
- The tournament mascots Ace and Annette will join in the fun!

### Matches

- All four top seeds are in action today!
- Play in the main draw begins at 2.00pm on Centre Court and on Courts 1 and 3.
- The evening session of play commences at 7.00pm.
- The Match of the Day is the 7.00pm match on Centre Court when Johanna Konta of Great Britain plays Daria Kasatkina of Russia.

### Competitions

- Catch and Win is on Centre Court at 6.45pm – be in your seat to have a chance of winning great prizes!
- The Autograph Ball Launch will take place after the 7.00pm match.

## KERBER CONTINUES HER WINNING WAYS

Angelique Kerber demonstrated the fantastic form that has seen her win 13 of her 15 matches this season as she swept aside 2016 Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships finalist Barbora Strycova 6-2 6-1 in just 59 minutes.

Kerber, who has fully turned around a challenging 2017 to win Sydney, reach the semi-finals of the Australian Open and the quarter-finals in Doha, dominated her opponent from the start and once she had taken an early lead she showed no signs of surrendering her advantage. Now she will face the player who beat Strycova in the 2016 final, Sara Errani.

Fifth seed Caroline Garcia also advanced, firing 10 aces as she earned a 6-3 7-5 win over Lucie Safarova, who is anxious for her luck to change after suffering the misfortune of also meeting Kerber, 10th ranked Julia Goerges and world number six Karolina Pliskova in early stages of her tournaments this year.

In other matches, Qiang Wang was given a place in the main draw as a lucky loser after failing to survive the qualifying rounds, and responded by overwhelming Kiki Bertens 6-3 6-0 in just 55 minutes to set up a second round meeting with top seed and defending champion Elina Svitolina.

There was victory too for wild card Catherine Bellis, who followed up victories last week over US Open finalist Madison Keys and former world number one Karolina Pliskova by beating Elise Mertens 6-3 6-3. Her next opponent is second seed and reigning Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza.



# YOUNG TENNIS STARS ENJOY TENNIS EMIRATES COACHING CLINIC



Tennis Emirates hosted some of the best young female players from affiliated tennis academies across the UAE during their coaching clinic at the Dubai Duty Free Championships yesterday. The girls, ranging in age from under 8 to under 16, participated in a clinic run by Tennis Emirates staff and Academy coaches. The girls were joined by the Japanese doubles team of Miyu Kato and Makoto Ninomiya who helped the participants fine-tune their skills during the morning session.

## WIN Finals Tickets with #DDFselfie

Simply take a selfie in the Centre Court Grandstand during the first 4 days of the WTA and first 3 days of the ATP week showing your ticket or wristband for that day.

Tag it with #DDFselfie and post it on [twitter](#) [Instagram](#) to be in with a chance to win.



**Winners will be chosen each day.**



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Dubai, UAE 19-24 February 2018



## MAIN DRAW SINGLES

1	1	SVITOLINA, Elina	UKR	E. SVITOLINA [1]	
2		BYE			
3	LL	WANG, Qiang	CHN	Q. WANG	
4		BERTENS, Kiki	NED	63 60	
5		KONTAVEIT, Anett	EST	A. KONTAVEIT	
6	Q	STOSUR, Samantha	AUS	16 62 64	
7	WC	OSAKA, Naomi	JPN	N. OSAKA	
8		MLADENOVIC, Kristina	FRA	62 62	
9		3	PLISKOVA, Karolina	CZE	K. PLISKOVA [3]
10		BYE			
11	Q	ZHUK, Sofya	RUS	C. SUÁREZ NAVARRO	
12		SUÁREZ NAVARRO, Carla	ESP	62 62	
13	Q	ERRANI, Sara	ITA	S. ERRANI	
14	Q	TSURENKO, Lesia	UKR	64 63	
15		STRYCOVA, Barbora	CZE	A. KERBER [6]	
16	6	KERBER, Angelique	GER	62 61	
17	7	WC	KONTA, Johanna	GBR	J. KONTA [7]
18		PAVLYUCHENKOVA, Anastasia	RUS	76(2) 62	
19		KASATKINA, Daria	RUS	D. KASATKINA	
20		RADWANSKA, Agnieszka	POL	75 64	
21		VESNINA, Elena	RUS	E. VESNINA	
22		PENG, Shuai	CHN	64 75	
23		BYE		J. OSTAPENKO [4]	
24	4	WC	OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT	
25	5	GARCIA, Caroline	FRA	C. GARCIA [5]	
26		SAFAROVA, Lucie	CZE	63 75	
27		MAKAROVA, Ekaterina	RUS	E. MAKAROVA	
28		SEVASTOVA, Anastasija	LAT	36 76(9) 63	
29	WC	BELLIS, Catherine	USA	C. BELLIS	
30		MERTENS, Elise	BEL	63 63	
31		BYE		G. MUGURUZA [2]	
32	2	MUGURUZA, Garbiñe	ESP		

## MAIN DRAW DOUBLES

1	1	MAKAROVA, Ekaterina	RUS	E. MAKAROVA	
2		VESNINA, Elena	RUS	E. VESNINA [1]	
3		AOYAMA, Shuko	JPN	61 62	
4		SREBOTNIK, Katarina	SLO		
5		KATO, Miyu	JPN	M. KATO	
6		NINOMIYA, Makoto	JPN	M. NINOMIYA	
7		PONOMAR, Lisa	GER	62 67(2) 10-7	
8	WC	SILVA, Eden	GBR		
9		4	HSIEH, Su-Wei	TPE	S. HSIEH
10		PENG, Shuai	CHN	S. PENG [4]	
11		BERTENS, Kiki	NED	61 60	
12		SCHUURS, Demi	NED		
13		OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT	N. MELICHAR	
14		SEVASTOVA, Anastasija	LAT	K. PESCHKE	
15		MELICHAR, Nicole	USA	62 63	
16		PESCHKE, Kveta	CZE		
17		KLEPAC, Andreja	SLO		
18		MARTÍNEZ SÁNCHEZ, María José	ESP		
19		CHAN, Hao-Ching	TPE	L. SAFAROVA	
20		YANG, Zhaoxuan	CHN	B. STRYCOVA [3]	
21		ATAWO, Raquel	USA	64 64	
22		GROENEFELD, Anna-Lena	GER		
23	3	SAFAROVA, Lucie	CZE	A. ROSOLSKA	
24		STRYCOVA, Barbora	CZE	A. SPEARS	
25		ROSOLSKA, Alicja	POL	62 60	
26		SPEARS, Abigail	USA		
27		PAVLYUCHENKOVA, Anastasia	RUS	L. CHAN	
28		SAVCHUK, Olga	UKR	A. SESTINI HLAVACKOVA [2]	
29		KICHENOK, Nadiia	UKR	63 61	
30		RODIONOVA, Anastasia	AUS		
31		CHAN, Latisha	TPE		
32	2	SESTINI HLAVACKOVA, Andrea	CZE		

CENTRE COURT	COURT 1	COURT 3
Starting at: 2:00 pm	Starting at: 2:00 pm	Starting at: 2:00 pm
Karolina PLISKOVA (CZE) [3] vs Carla SUÁREZ NAVARRO (ESP)	Anett KONTAVEIT (EST) [WC] Naomi OSAKA (JPN) vs	Andreja KLEPAC (SLO) María José MARTÍNEZ SÁNCHEZ (ESP) vs Hao-Ching CHAN (TPE) Zhaoxuan YANG (CHN)
followed by	followed by	
Elena VESNINA (RUS) vs [WC] Jelena OSTAPENKO (LAT) [4]	[Q] Sara ERRANI (ITA) vs Angelique KERBER (GER) [6]	
followed by	followed by	
Elena SVITOLINA (UKR) [1] vs [LL] Qiang WANG (CHN)	Caroline GARCIA (FRA) [5] vs Ekaterina MAKAROVA (RUS)	
Not Before 7:00 pm	followed by	Not Before 6:00 pm
[WC] Johanna KONTA (GBR) [7] vs Daria KASATKINA (RUS)	Su-Wei HSIEH (TPE) Shuai PENG (CHN) [4] vs Nicole MELICHR (USA) Kveta PESCHKE (CZE)	Ekaterina MAKAROVA (RUS) Elena VESNINA (RUS) [1] vs Miyu KATO (JPN) Makoto NINOMIYA (JPN)
followed by		
[WC] Catherine BELLIS (USA) vs Garbiñe MUGURUZA (ESP) [2]		

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