



DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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NOVAK DJOKOVIC INSPIRES NEXT GENERATION

Top seed and world number one Novak Djokovic, took some time out from his practice session to speak to a group of young tennis stars from UAE Tennis Federation affiliated academies, including CF Tennis Academy ball kids as well as children from Heroes of Hope - the community that aims to support people of determination in sport.

The inquisitive group were in awe of the star tennis player and used this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ask him some tennis-related questions. When asked 'Why did you choose tennis over another sport?'

Djokovic responded:

“Because I fell in love with it, I still have lots of love for the game, I enjoy it a lot, when I see you guys smiling and you telling me how much you enjoy tennis, it brings me back to when I was your age. And it reminds me of how important it is to nurture the love for the game and keep enjoying it, and that's something I am grateful for today, that you guys reminded me of.”



What's on Today

Activities

- The UAE Tennis Federation Kids' Day is taking place this morning!

Matches

- Matches start at 2.00pm on Centre Court and Courts 1-3
- Evening session of play begins at 7.00pm

Competitions

- Catch & Win is on Centre Court at 6.45pm. Be in your seat to win some great prizes
- Catch an autographed signed ball after the 7.00pm match





Over 1,300 school children from local schools in the UAE took to the courts at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium yesterday for the ATP J.P. Morgan Kids' Day. The morning of activities included a tennis clinic led by coaches from the CF Tennis Academy, before enjoying entertainment, photo opportunities and a meet and greet with three top ATP players. Khaled Hobballah, joint-senior country officer for MENA and head of MENA Markets at J.P. Morgan said:

“ J.P. Morgan is proud to sponsor the J.P. Morgan Kids Day at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships. Kids' Day is a highlight for us during the tournament, as it is all about the children. It is wonderful to witness how motivated and inspired the children are by the great players who participate in Kid's Day. Exciting events like these help to further develop the children's love of the sport and show our commitment to the next generation of leaders in the region. ”

A SPECIAL FAN MOMENT



Top seed Novak Djokovic began his bid for a fifth Dubai crown by defeating Tunisian wild card Malek Jaziri 6-1 6-2 to reach the second round. Third seed Gael Monfils, sixth seed Andrey Rublev and seventh seed Karen Khachanov also enjoyed opening round victories.

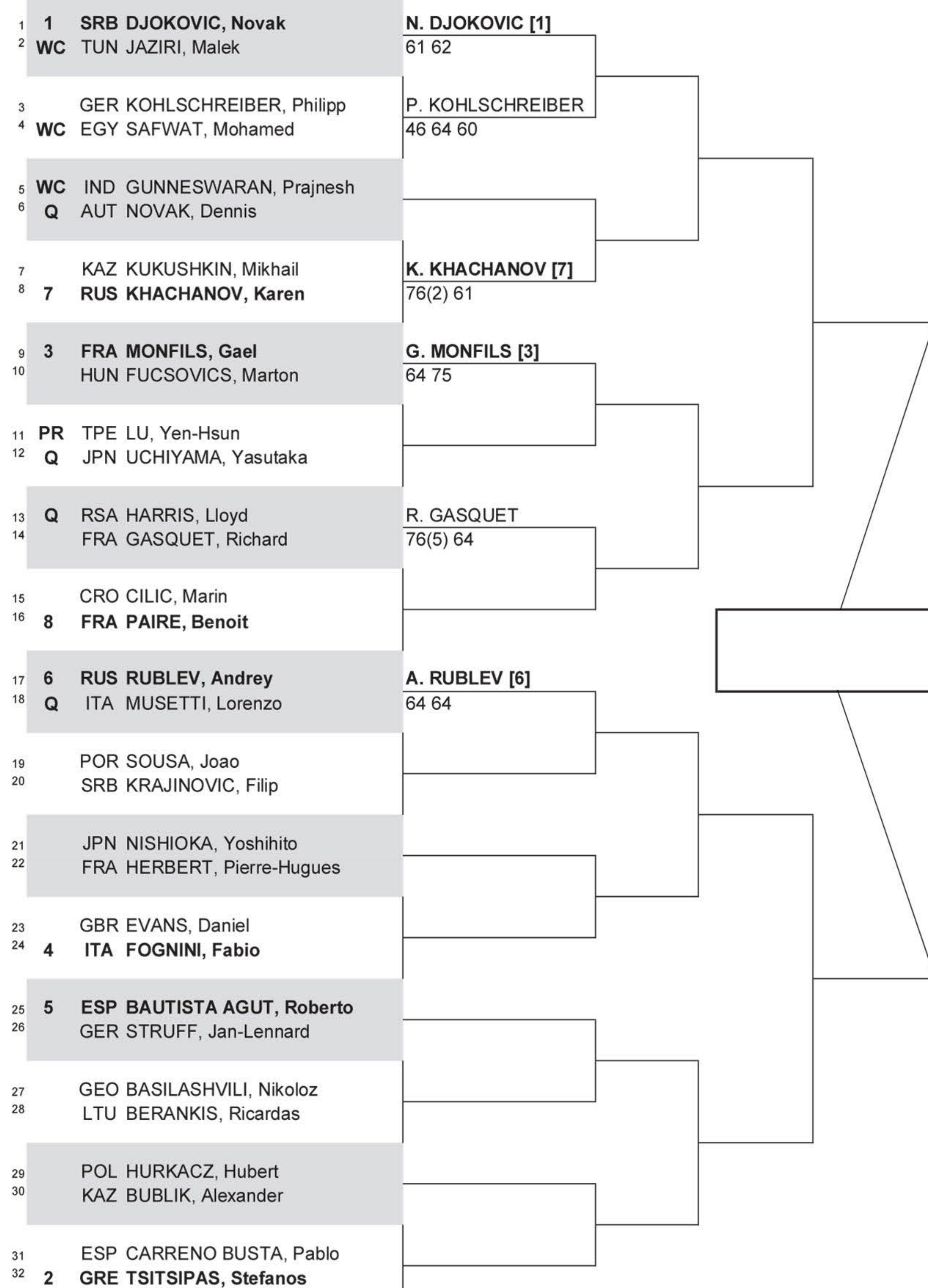


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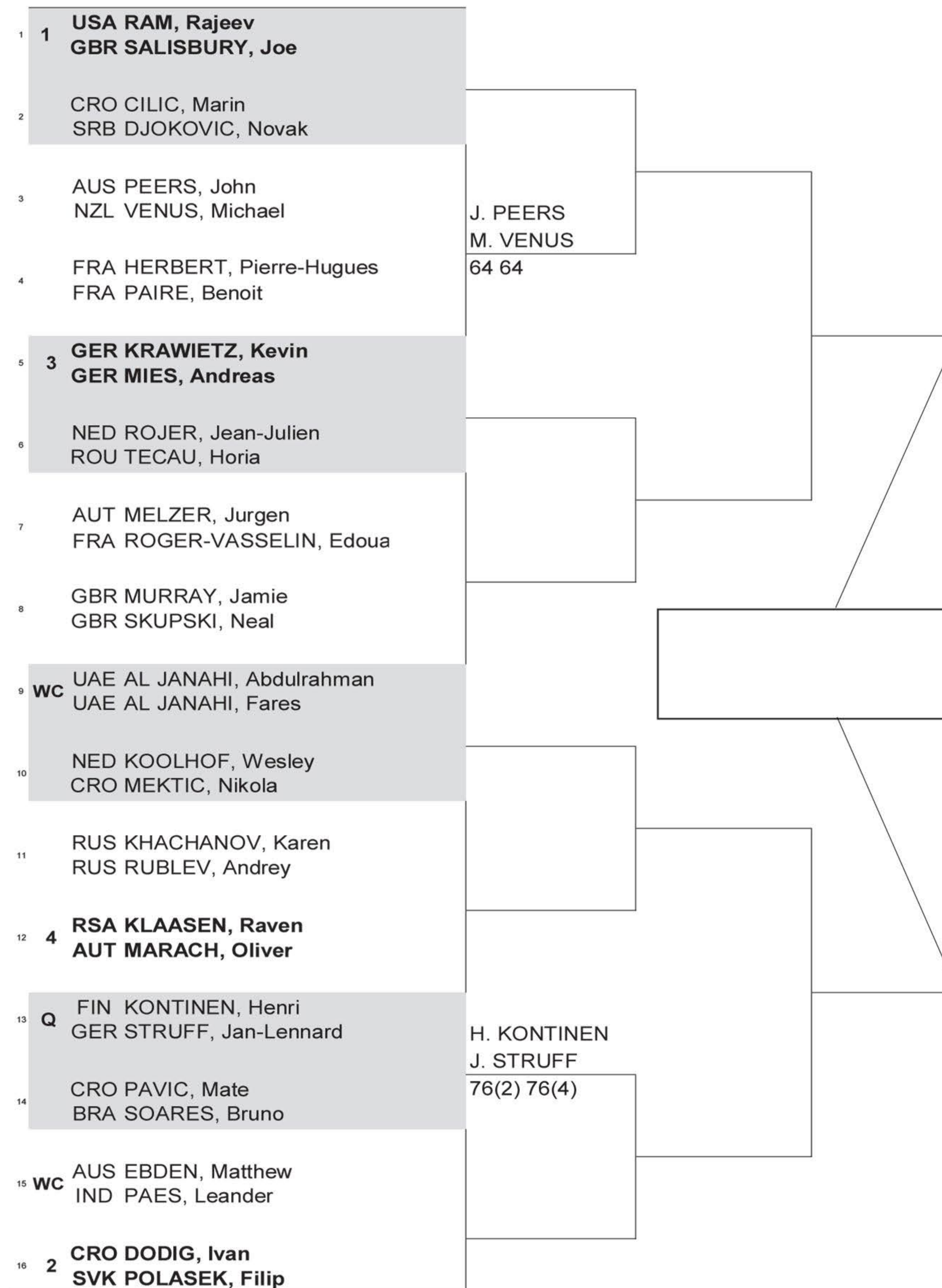
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MAIN DRAW SINGLES



MAIN DRAW DOUBLES



ORDER OF PLAY

CENTRE COURT	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3
Matches Start At: 2:00 pm	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm
Marin CILIC (CRO) vs Benoit PAIRE (FRA) [8]	[WC] Prajnesh GUNNESWARAN (IND) vs [Q] Dennis NOVAK (AUT)	Jurgen MELZER (AUT) Edouard ROGER-VASELIN (FRA) vs Jamie MURRAY (GBR) Neal SKUPSKI (GBR)	[PR] Yen-Hsun LU (TPE) vs [Q] Yasutaka UCHIYAMA (JPN)
Not Before 4:00 pm	followed by	followed by	Not Before 4:00 pm
Daniel EVANS (GBR) vs Fabio FOGNINI (ITA) [4]	Joao SOUSA (POR) vs Filip KRAJINOVIC (SRB)	Karen KHACHANOV (RUS) Andrey RUBLEV (RUS) vs Raven KLAASEN (RSA) Oliver MARACH (AUT) [4]	Hubert HURKACZ (POL) vs Alexander BUBLIK (KAZ)
	Not Before 5:00 pm	followed by	Not Before 5:30 pm
	Rajeev RAM (USA) Joe SALISBURY (GBR) [1] vs Marin CILIC (CRO) Novak DJOKOVIC (SRB)	[WC] Matthew EBDEN (AUS) Leander PAES (IND) vs Ivan DODIG (CRO) Filip POLASEK (SVK) [2]	Yoshihito NISHIOKA (JPN) vs Pierre-Hugues HERBERT (FRA)
Not Before 7:00 pm	followed by	Not Before 6:00 pm	
Pablo CARRENO BUSTA (ESP) vs Stefanos TSITSIPAS (GRE) [2]	Nikoloz BASILASHVILI (GEO) vs Ricardas BERANKIS (LTU)	[WC] Abdulrahman AL JANAHI (UAE) Fares AL JANAHI (UAE) vs Wesley KOOLHOF (NED) Nikola MEKTIC (CRO)	
followed by			
Roberto BAUTISTA AGUT (ESP) [5] vs Jan-Lennard STRUFF (GER)			

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