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DAILY NEWSLETTER

STARS IN ACTION!

With 15 of the world's top 20 players competing this week in Dubai, the line-up underlines elite status of WTA 1000 tournament.

Day 1 | 18 February 2024

A SIZZLING START

The 32nd edition of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships is upon us at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium. The two-week event starts with the WTA Tour tournament, which was recently awarded permanent WTA 1000 status.

The official draw took place yesterday at the Majlis, with 56 players drawn out of the hat. The women's field features 15 of the world's top-20 WTA players, including 10 Grand Slam singles winners boasting a collective 17 Grand Slam titles between them.

This year's Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships' women's tournament is followed by the 32nd staging of the emirate's annual men's ATP event.

The WTA tournament will run between February 18 and 24, before the ATP Tour 500 tournament takes place from February 26 to March 2.

WHAT'S ON TODAY

- Be in your seat from 11am for Round 1 of WTA week
- Check out the Tennis Village for fun things for the whole family!
- Win some great prizes at today's Catch & Win on Centre Court at 6:45pm.

This year marks the 24th anniversary of the WTA tournament, which has constantly grown, even more significantly in the past 12 months as our competition was recently awarded permanent WTA 1000 status from this year onwards," said Colm McLoughlin, Executive Vice Chairman & CEO of Dubai Duty Free.

DDFTC TRIVIA

1. Who is the current women's World No. 1? Iga Swiatek, Aryna Sabalenka, or Coco Gauff?
2. In what year was the first edition of the WTA event at this Championships –2001, 2002 or 2003?
3. Who is the Arab superstar participating at this year's WTA Tournament?
4. Who's the two-time Australian Open singles champion and is also here this week?

DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dubai, UAE | 18 Feb - 24 Feb 2024

SINGLES MAIN DRAW

1		1	**SWIATEK, Iga**	POL
2			Bye	
3			STEPHENS, Sloane	USA
4	Q		BUREL, Clara	FRA
5			GRACHEVA, Varvara	FRA
6			MARIA, Tatjana	GER
7			KALININA, Anhelina	UKR
8		15	**SVITOLINA, Elina**	UKR
9		10	**KASATKINA, Daria**	
10			KOSTYUK, Marta	UKR
11			ZHU, Lin	CHN
12			POTAPOVA, Anastasia	
13	Q		HIBINO, Nao	JPN
14			LINETTE, Magda	POL
15			Bye	
16		6	**ZHENG, Qinwen**	CHN
17		3	**GAUFF, Coco**	USA
18			Bye	
19			MERTENS, Elise	BEL
20			TSURENKO, Lesia	UKR
21			PLISKOVA, Karolina	CZE
22	WC		ZHANG, Shuai	CHN
23	WC		KRUEGER, Ashlyn	USA
24		16	**GARCIA, Caroline**	FRA
25		9	**OSTAPENKO, Jelena**	LAT
26	Q		WANG, Xiyu	CHN
27			BADOSA, Paula	ESP
28	WC		SUN, Lulu	SUI
29	Q		KALINSKAYA, Anna	
30	Q		HUNTER, Storm	AUS
31			Bye	
32		5	**JABEUR, Ons**	TUN
33		8	**SAKKARI, Maria**	GRE
34			Bye	
35			SINIAKOVA, Katerina	CZE
36			NAVARRO, Emma	USA
37			FERNANDEZ, Leylah	CAN
38	Q		PERA, Bernarda	USA
39			PAOLINI, Jasmine	ITA
40		11	**HADDAD MAIA, Beatriz**	BRA
41		14	**ALEXANDROVA, Ekaterina**	
42	Q		FRECH, Magdalena	POL
43			MARTIC, Petra	CRO
44			DOLEHIDE, Caroline	USA
45			RUS, Arantxa	NED
46			AZARENKA, Victoria	
47			Bye	
48		4	**RYBAKINA, Elena**	KAZ
49		7	**VONDROUSOVA, Marketa**	CZE
50			Bye	
51			ANDREEVA, Mirra	
52			STEARNS, Peyton	USA
53			PAVLYUCHENKOVA, Anastasia	
54			BOUZKOVA, Marie	CZE
55	Q		TOMOVA, Viktoriya	BUL
56		12	**SAMSONOVA, Liudmila**	
57		13	**KUDERMETOVA, Veronika**	
58	WC		YASTREMSKA, Dayana	UKR
59			KENIN, Sofia	USA
60			CIRSTEA, Sorana	ROU
61			WANG, Xinyu	CHN
62			VEKIC, Donna	CRO
63			Bye	
64		2	**SABALENKA, Aryna**	

I. Swiatek 1
Q. Zheng 6
C. Gauff 3
O. Jabeur 5
M. Sakkari 8
E. Rybakina 4
M. Vondrousova 7
A. Sabalenka 2

DOUBLES MAIN DRAW

1		1	**HSIEH, Su-Wei**	TPE
			MERTENS, Elise	BEL
2			Bye	
3			SASNOVICH, Aliaksandra	
			SIEGEMUND, Laura	GER
4			HOZUMI, Eri	JPN
			NINOMIYA, Makoto	JPN
5			EIKERI, Ulrikke	NOR
			WU, Fang-Hsien	TPE
6			POTAPOVA, Anastasia	
			ZVONAREVA, Vera	
7			LINETTE, Magda	POL
			NICULESCU, Monica	ROU
8		7	**CHAN, Hao-Ching**	TPE
			OLMOS, Giuliana	MEX
9		3	**MELICHAR-MARTINEZ, Nicole**	USA
			PEREZ, Ellen	AUS
10			Bye	
11			ANDREEVA, Mirra	
			KENIN, Sofia	USA
12			FERNANDEZ, Leylah	CAN
			KALASHNIKOVA, Oksana	GEO
13			ALEXANDROVA, Ekaterina	
			MATTEK-SANDS, Bethanie	USA
14			GUO, Hanyu	CHN
			JIANG, Xinyu	CHN
15	WC		GARCIA, Caroline	FRA
			MLADENOVIC, Kristina	FRA
16		8	**DOLEHIDE, Caroline**	USA
			KRAWCZYK, Desirae	USA
17		5	**SCHUURS, Demi**	NED
			STEFANI, Luisa	BRA
18			BABOS, Timea	HUN
			BOUZKOVA, Marie	CZE
19	WC		RAINA, Ankita	IND
			THOMBARE, Prarthana	IND
20			AOYAMA, Shuko	JPN
			KRUNIC, Aleksandra	SRB
21			KATO, Miyu	JPN
			SUTJIADI, Aldila	INA
22	WC		GREY, Sarah Beth	GBR
			SILVA, Eden	GBR
23			Bye	
24		4	**HUNTER, Storm**	AUS
			SINIAKOVA, Katerina	CZE
25		6	**KICHENOK, Lyudmyla**	UKR
			OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT
26			RUS, Arantxa	NED
			WANG, Xinyu	CHN
27			KUDERMETOVA, Veronika	
			PANOVA, Alexandra	
28			PARKS, Alycia	USA
			XU, Yifan	CHN
29			DANILINA, Anna	KAZ
			ZHANG, Shuai	CHN
30			GAMARRA MARTINS, Ingrid	BRA
			KICHENOK, Nadiia	UKR
31			Bye	
32		2	**DABROWSKI, Gabriela**	CAN
			ROUTLIFFE, Erin	NZL

S. Hsieh / E. Mertens 1
N. Melichar-Martinez / E. Perez 3
S. Hunter / K. Siniakova 4
G. Dabrowski / E. Routliffe 2

ORDER OF PLAY

CENTRE COURT	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3
Starting at 11:00 AM	***Starting at 11:00 AM***	***Starting at 11:00 AM***	***Starting at 11:00 AM***
R64	R64	R32	R64
Mirra Andreeva vs Peyton Stearns USA	[14] Ekaterina Alexandrova vs [Q] Magdalena Frech POL	Aliaksandra Sasnovich Laura Siegemund GER vs Eri Hozumi JPN Makoto Ninomiya JPN	Varvara Gracheva FRA vs Tatjana Maria GER
Followed by	***Followed by***	***Followed by***	***Followed by***
R64	R64	R32	R64
Katerina Siniakova CZE vs Emma Navarro USA	Xinyu Wang CHN vs Donna Vekic CRO	Anna Danilina KAZ Shuai Zhang CHN vs Ingrid Gamarra Martins BRA Nadiia Kichenok UKR	[Q] Nao Hibino JPN vs Magda Linette POL
Followed by	***Followed by***	***Followed by***	***After suitable rest***
R64	R64	R32	R32
Sloane Stephens USA vs [Q] Clara Burel FRA	[Q] Anna Kalinskaya vs [Q] Storm Hunter AUS	[WC] Ankita Raina IND Prarthana Thombare IND vs Shuko Aoyama JPN Aleksandra Krunic SRB	Ekaterina Alexandrova Bethanie Mattek-Sands USA vs Hanyu Guo CHN Xinyu Jiang CHN
	Followed by	***After suitable rest***	***Followed by***
	R64	R32	R32
	Jasmine Paolini ITA vs [11] Beatriz Haddad Maia BRA	[6] Lyudmyla Kichenok UKR Jelena Ostapenko LAT vs Arantxa Rus NED Xinyu Wang CHN	Veronika Kudermetova Alexandra Panova vs Alycia Parks USA Yifan Xu CHN
Not before 7:00 PM	***Followed by***		
R64	R64		
[WC] Ashlyn Krueger USA vs [16] Caroline Garcia FRA	Elise Mertens BEL vs Lesia Tsurenko UKR		
Followed by			
R64			
Sofia Kenin USA vs Sorana Cirstea ROU			

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Iga Swiatek | 2. 2001 | 3. Ons Jabeur | 4. Aryna Sabalenka

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