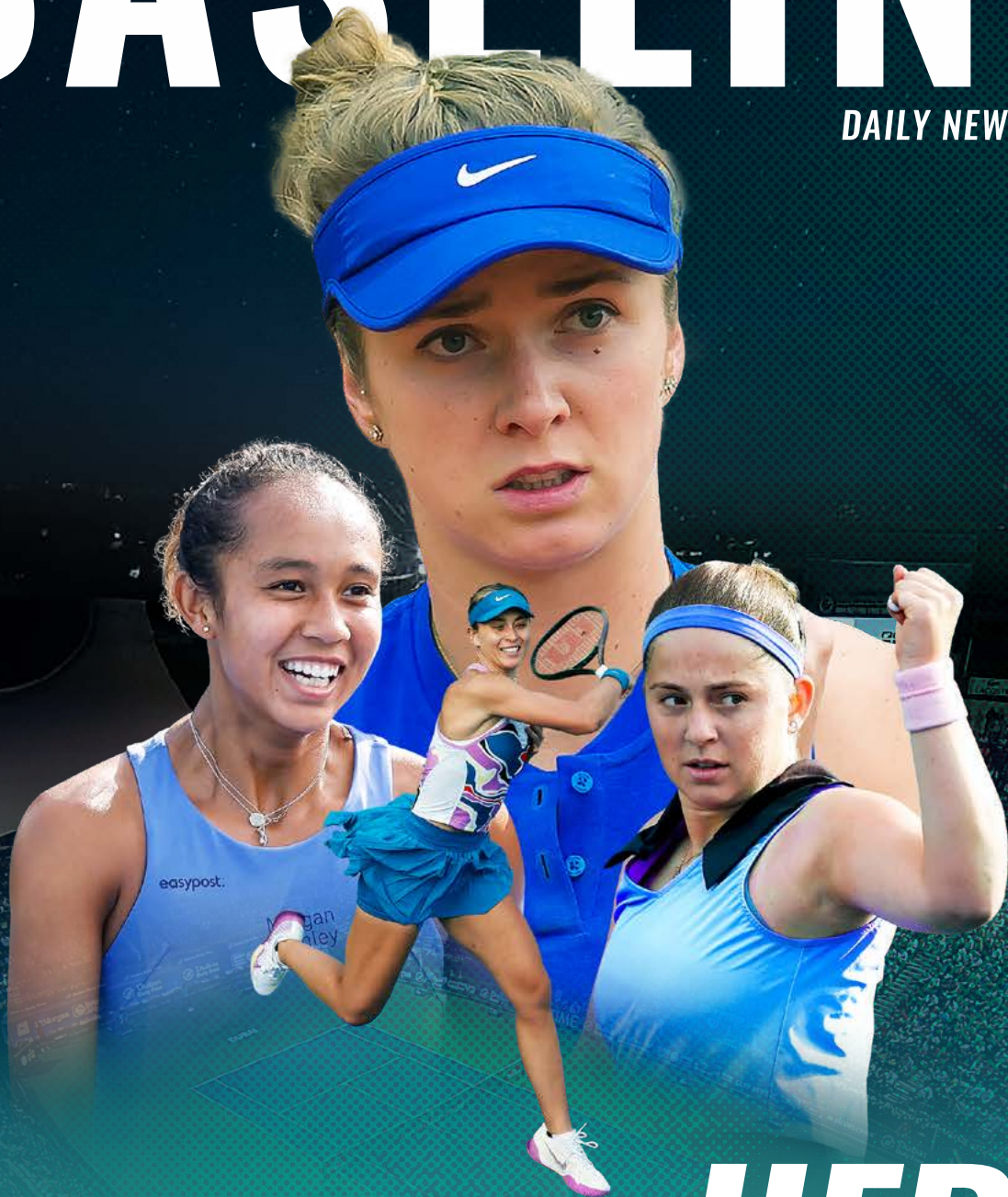


THE BASELINE

DAILY NEWSLETTER



IT ALL STARTS *HERE*

With a star studded lineup, the WTA 1000 tournament is underway and promises to be special - your week starts here.

Day 2 | 19 February 2024

TWO GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS IN ACTION TODAY

The Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships WTA 1000 tournament will see two former Grand Slam champions take to Centre Court today. Two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka will start things off at 11am against Arantxa Rus, before later in the day, 2017 French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko faces qualifier Xiyu Wang.

Meanwhile Court One will see a North American face-off as Canada's Leylah Fernandez takes on Bernarda Pera of the USA. Fernandez, who's

mother Irene was born in Canada to Pinoy parents, is returning for the second successive year and will hope to enjoy strong support from the local Filipino community once again.

Fernandez will also be in action in doubles on Court Two after suitable rest, where she will team up with Oksana Kalashnikova to face 16-year-old prodigy Mirra Andreeva and 2020 Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin. The late game on Court One meanwhile will see Paula Badosa take on Switzerland's Lulu Sun.



WHAT'S ON TODAY?

The JP Morgan Kids' Day is here! Children from local schools across the UAE will take to the courts today. The day will include a tennis clinic for children of all skill levels and opportunities to meet top WTA players. It's a chance for youngsters across the country to learn about the sport and gain some new skills.



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*I'm addicted to winning. I'm not the type of person to win and then just stop. It's in my blood. My mindset is to keep doing what I'm doing, keep fighting, keep working, and after my career I can look back and think, whoa, I was able to achieve that. That's crazy,” said **Aryna Sabalenka**, Australian Open Champion, World No2, and No2 seed at this year's Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships.*

DDFTC TRIVIA

- How many Americans entered this year's Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships singles main draw – 3,5, or 8?
- Who was the Dubai Duty Free Women's Singles Champion last year - Coco Gauff, Aryna Sabalenka, or Barbora Krejickova?
- Who has the most Women's Singles titles in the history of the Dubai Duty Free Championships - Serena Williams, Venus Williams, or Justine Henin?
- Who won the first ever Women's Singles tournament at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships - Martina Hingis, Lindsay Davenport, or Venus Williams?



DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dubai, UAE | 18 Feb - 24 Feb 2024



SINGLES MAIN DRAW

1	1	SWIATEK, Iga	POL	I. Swiatek	1
2		Bye			
3		STEPHENS, Sloane	USA	S. Stephens	
4	Q	BUREL, Clara	FRA	64 16 62	
5		GRACHEVA, Varvara	FRA	T. Maria	
6		MARIA, Tatjana	GER	62 61	
7		KALININA, Anhelina	UKR		
8	15	SVITOLINA, Elina	UKR		
9	10	KASATKINA, Daria	ITA		
10	LL	BRONZETTI, Lucia	ITA		
11		ZHU, Lin	CHN		
12		POTAPOVA, Anastasia			
13	Q	HIBINO, Nao	JPN	N. Hibino	
14		LINETTE, Magda	POL	62 36 64	
15		Bye		Q. Zheng	6
16	6	ZHENG, Qinwen	CHN		
17	3	GAUFF, Coco	USA	C. Gauff	3
18		Bye			
19		MERTENS, Elise	BEL	E. Cocciaretto	
20	LL	COCCIARETTO, Elisabetta	ITA	16 63 76(3)	
21		PLISKOVA, Karolina	CZE		
22	WC	ZHANG, Shuai	CHN		
23	WC	KRUEGER, Ashlyn	USA	A. Krueger	
24	16	GARCIA, Caroline	FRA	36 63 63	
25	9	OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT		
26	Q	WANG, Xiyu	CHN		
27		BADOSA, Paula	ESP		
28	WC	SUN, Lulu	SUI		
29	Q	KALINSKAYA, Anna		A. Kalinskaya	
30	Q	HUNTER, Storm	AUS	61 62	
31		Bye		C. Bucsa	
32	LL	BUCSA, Cristina	ESP		
33	8	SAKKARI, Maria	GRE	M. Sakkari	8
34		Bye			
35		SINIAKOVA, Katerina	CZE	E. Navarro	
36		NAVARRO, Emma	USA	46 75 64	
37		FERNANDEZ, Leylah	CAN		
38	Q	PERA, Bernarda	USA		
39		PAOLINI, Jasmine	ITA	J. Paolini	
40	11	HADDAD MAIA, Beatriz	BRA	46 64 60	
41	14	ALEXANDROVA, Ekaterina		M. Frech	
42	Q	FRECH, Magdalena	POL	76(2) 63	
43		MARTIC, Petra	CRO		
44		DOLEHIDE, Caroline	USA		
45		RUS, Arantxa	NED		
46		AZARENKA, Victoria			
47		Bye		E. Rybakina	4
48	4	RYBAKINA, Elena	KAZ		
49	7	VONDROUSOVA, Marketa	CZE	M. Vondrousova	7
50		Bye			
51		ANDREEVA, Mirra		P. Stearns	
52		STEARNS, Peyton	USA	62 26 61	
53		PAVLYUCHENKOVA, Anastasia			
54		BOUZKOVA, Marie	CZE		
55	Q	TOMOVA, Viktoriya	BUL		
56	12	SAMSONOVA, Liudmila			
57	13	KUDERMETOVA, Veronika	UKR		
58	WC	YASTREMSKA, Dayana	UKR		
59		KENIN, Sofia	USA	S. Cirstea	
60		CIRSTEA, Sorana	ROU	63 76(2)	
61		WANG, Xinyu	CHN	D. Vekic	
62		VEKIC, Donna	CRO	62 64	
63		Bye		A. Sabalenka	2
64	2	SABALENKA, Aryna			

DOUBLES MAIN DRAW

1	1	HSIEH, Su-Wei	TPE	S. Hsieh	
2		MERTENS, Elise	BEL	E. Mertens	1
3		Bye			
4		SASNOVICH, Aliaksandra	GER	A. Sasnovich	
5		SIEGEMUND, Laura		L. Siegemund	
6		HOZUMI, Eri	JPN	06 75 10-6	
7		NINOMIYA, Makoto	JPN		
8		EIKERI, Ulrikke	NOR		
9		WU, Fang-Hsien	TPE		
10		POTAPOVA, Anastasia			
11		ZVONAREVA, Vera			
12		LINETTE, Magda	POL		
13		NICULESCU, Monica	ROU		
14		CHAN, Hao-Ching	TPE		
15		OLMOS, Giuliana	MEX		
16	3	MELICHAR-MARTINEZ, Nicole	USA	N. Melichar-Martinez	
17		PEREZ, Ellen	AUS	E. Perez	3
18		Bye			
19		ANDREEVA, Mirra	USA		
20		KENIN, Sofia			
21		FERNANDEZ, Leylah	CAN		
22		KALASHNIKOVA, Oksana	GEO		
23		ALEXANDROVA, Ekaterina	USA	H. Guo	
24		MATTEK-SANDS, Bethanie	USA	X. Jiang	
25		GUO, Hanyu	CHN	36 63 10-8	
26		JIANG, Xinyu	CHN		
27	WC	GARCIA, Caroline	FRA		
28		MLADENOVIC, Kristina	FRA		
29		DOLEHIDE, Caroline	USA		
30	8	KRAWCZYK, Desirae	USA		
31		SCHUURS, Demi	NED		
32		STEFANI, Luisa	BRA		
33		BABOS, Timea	HUN		
34		BOUZKOVA, Marie	CZE		
35	WC	RAINA, Ankita	IND	S. Aoyama	
36		THOMBARE, Prarthana	IND	A. Krunic	
37		AOYAMA, Shuko	JPN	46 63 17-15	
38		KRUNIC, Aleksandra	SRB		
39		KATO, Miyu	JPN		
40		SUTJIADI, Aldila	INA		
41		GREY, Sarah Beth	GBR		
42	WC	SILVA, Eden	GBR		
43		Bye		S. Hunter	
44				K. Siniakova	4
45	4	HUNTER, Storm	AUS		
46		SINIAKOVA, Katerina	CZE		
47	6	KICHENOK, Lyudmyla	UKR	L. Kichenok	
48		OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT	J. Ostapenko	6
49		RUS, Arantxa	NED	76(5) 63	
50		WANG, Xinyu	CHN		
51		KUDERMETOVA, Veronika		A. Parks	
52		PANOVA, Alexandra		Y. Xu	
53		PARKS, Alycia	USA	76(5) 62	
54		XU, Yifan	CHN		
55		DANILINA, Anna	KAZ	A. Danilina	
56		ZHANG, Shuai	CHN	S. Zhang	
57		GAMARRA MARTINS, Ingrid	BRA	64 63	
58		KICHENOK, Nadiia	UKR		
59		Bye		G. Dabrowski	
60				E. Routliffe	2
61	2	DABROWSKI, Gabriela	CAN		
62		ROUTLIFFE, Erin	NZL		

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 Arantxa Rus NED vs Victoria Azarenka	R64 Leylah Fernandez CAN vs [Q] Bernarda Pera USA	R32 Miyu Kato JPN Aldila Sutjiadi INA vs [WC] Sarah Beth Grey GBR Eden Silva GBR	R64 Petra Martic CRO vs Caroline Dolehide USA
Followed by	Followed by	Followed by	Followed by
R64 Karolina Pliskova CZE vs [WC] Shuai Zhang CHN	R64 Lin Zhu CHN vs Anastasia Potapova	R32 Magda Linette POL Monica Niculescu ROU vs [7] Hao-Ching Chan TPE Giuliana Olmos MEX	R64 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova vs Marie Bouzkova CZE
Followed by	Followed by	After suitable rest	After suitable rest
R64 [9] Jelena Ostapenko LAT vs [Q] Xiyu Wang CHN	R64 [13] Veronika Kudermetova vs [WC] Dayana Yastremska UKR	R32 Mirra Andreeva Sofia Kenin USA vs Leylah Fernandez CAN Oksana Kalashnikova GEO	R32 [WC] Caroline Garcia FRA Kristina Mladenovic FRA vs [8] Caroline Dolehide USA Desirae Krawczyk USA
Not before 7:00 PM	Followed by	After suitable rest	After suitable rest
R64 Anhelina Kalinina UKR vs [15] Elina Svitolina UKR	R64 [Q] Viktoriya Tomova BUL vs [12] Liudmila Samsonova	R32 Ulrikke Eikeri NOR Fang-Hsien Wu TPE vs Anastasia Potapova Vera Zvonareva	R32 [5] Demi Schuurs NED Luisa Stefani BRA vs Timea Babos HUN Marie Bouzkova CZE
Followed by			
R64 [10] Daria Kasatkina vs [LL] Lucia Bronzetti ITA			

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 8 | 2. Krejčíková | 3. Justine Henin | 4. Martina Hingis



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