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DAILY NEWSLETTER



SWEET 16

Sixteen remain, but only eight can book their place in the quarterfinals at this year's WTA 1000 tournament.

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IT'S HEATING UP

With the final 16 ready to do battle, things are heating up at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships. After knocking out No2 seed Aryna Sabalenka in a second round upset on Centre Court yesterday, Donna Vekic will challenge World No22 Sorana Cirstea for a place in the quarterfinals at this year's championships. Elsewhere, No8 seed Maria Sakkari, who parted ways with long-time coach Tom Hill last week, will be up against Italian Jasmine Paolini, while later on World No1 Iga Swiatek

will continue her quest for a first Dubai title in a matchup against two time Dubai champion Elina Svitolina. Reigning US Open champion Coco Gauff will also be in action as she meets former Wimbledon finalist Karolina Pliskova, while this year's Australian Open finalist Qinwen Zheng faces Anastasia Potapova, former Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina takes on qualifier Magdalena Frech, and 2022 Dubai winner Jelena Ostapenko meets Anna Kalinskaya.



WHAT'S ON TODAY?

Children of Determination from local schools and non-profit organisations will take part in a special coaching clinic today. Providing children from Heroes of Hope, Manzil Centre, Al Noor Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities, Rashid Centre for Determined Ones and Dubai Autism Centre a unique experience, the clinic lets the children enter the court and work with professional coaches, as well as bringing the community together.



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When I was a kid, it was always really fun to have a pro tennis player come to my club, so I think it's really important to try and give back. We are trying to make tennis more popular in the world and the best way to do that is to start with the kids,” said **Erin Routliffe** during yesterday's children's coaching clinic, organised by the UAE Tennis Federation, Tennis Emirates, and the WTA.

DDFTC TRIVIA

- Who is the youngest player to win the Women's singles title at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships - Martina Hingis, Elena Rybakina, or Caroline Wozniacki?
- In what year did the WTA tournament at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships gain permanent WTA 1000 status - 2018, 2022, or 2024?
- What are the names of the Official Mascots at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships?
- Who are the US Open doubles champions playing in Dubai this week - Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe, Leylah Fernandez and Oksana Kalashnikova, or Sofia Kenin and Mirra Andreeva?



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		I. Swiatek 1	64 64
3	STEPHENS, Sloane	USA	S. Stephens	64 16 62
4	q BUREL, Clara	FRA	T. Maria	62 61
5	GRACHEVA, Varvara	FRA	E. Svitolina 15	63 63
6	MARIA, Tatjana	GER	L. Bronzetti	76(5) 46 75
7	KALININA, Anhelina	UKR	A. Potapova	60 63
8	15 SVITOLINA, Elina	UKR	A. Potapova	46 62 64
9	10 KASATKINA, Daria	ITA	N. Hibino	62 36 64
10	LL BRONZETTI, Lucia	ITA	Q. Zheng 6	57 62 62
11	ZHU, Lin	CHN	C. Gauff 3	61 75
12	POTAPOVA, Anastasia	CHN	E. Cocciaretto	16 63 76(3)
13	q HIBINO, Nao	JPN	K. Pliskova	63 75
14	LINETTE, Magda	POL	A. Krueger	67(2) 63 64
15	Bye		J. Ostapenko 9	36 63 63
16	6 ZHENG, Qinwen	CHN	L. Sun	64 63
17	3 GAUFF, Coco	USA	A. Kalinskaya	61 62
18	Bye		C. Bucsa	63 64
19	MERTENS, Elise	BEL	M. Sakkari 8	62 64
20	LL COCCIARETTO, Elisabetta	ITA	E. Navarro	46 75 64
21	PLISKOVA, Karolina	CZE	L. Fernandez	63 62
22	WC ZHANG, Shuai	CHN	J. Paolini	63 64
23	WC KRUEGER, Ashlyn	USA	J. Paolini	63 64
24	16 GARCIA, Caroline	FRA	M. Frech	76(2) 63
25	9 OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT	P. Martic	64 16 62
26	q WANG, Xiyu	CHN	A. Azarenka	64 76(4)
27	BADOSA, Paula	ESP	V. Azarenka	62 64
28	WC SUN, Lulu	SUI	E. Rybakina 4	46 62 RET
29	q KALINSKAYA, Anna	USA	M. Vondrousova 7	
30	q HUNTER, Storm	AUS	P. Stearns	62 26 61
31	Bye		A. Pavlyuchenkova	64 63
32	LL BUCSA, Cristina	ESP	L. Samsonova 12	76(2) 63
33	8 SAKKARI, Maria	GRE	V. Kudermetova 13	60 16 60
34	Bye		S. Cirstea	61 64
35	SINIAKOVA, Katerina	CZE	S. Cirstea	63 76(2)
36	NAVARRO, Emma	USA	D. Vekic	62 64
37	FERNANDEZ, Leylah	CAN	A. Sabalenka 2	67(5) 63 60
38	q PERA, Bernarda	USA		
39	PAOLINI, Jasmine	ITA		
40	11 HADDAD MAIA, Beatriz	BRA		
41	14 ALEXANDROVA, Ekaterina	POL		
42	q FRECH, Magdalena	POL		
43	MARTIC, Petra	CRO		
44	DOLEHIDE, Caroline	USA		
45	RUS, Arantxa	NED		
46	AZARENKA, Victoria	NED		
47	Bye			
48	4 RYBAKINA, Elena	KAZ		
49	7 VONDROUSOVA, Marketa	CZE		
50	Bye			
51	ANDREEVA, Mirra	USA		
52	STEARNS, Peyton	USA		
53	PAVLYUCHENKOVA, Anastasia	CZE		
54	BOUZKOVA, Marie	CZE		
55	q TOMOVA, Viktoriya	BUL		
56	12 SAMSONOVA, Liudmila	BUL		
57	13 KUDERMETOVA, Veronika	UKR		
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			

DOUBLES MAIN DRAW

1	1 HSIEH, Su-Wei	TPE	S. Hsieh	
2	MERTENS, Elise	BEL	E. Mertens 1	
3	SASNOVICH, Aliaksandra	GER	A. Sasnovich	
4	HOZUMI, Eri	JPN	L. Siegemund	06 75 10-6
5	EIKERI, Ulrikke	NOR	U. Eikeri	
6	WU, Fang-Hsien	TPE	F. Wu	67(5) 61 10-6
7	POTAPOVA, Anastasia	POL	H. Chan	
8	ZVONAREVA, Vera	ROU	G. Olmos 7	16 62 10-4
9	3 MELICHAIR-MARTINEZ, Nicole	USA	N. Melichar-Martinez	
10	PEREZ, Ellen	AUS	E. Perez 3	
11	ANDREEVA, Mirra	USA	M. Andreeva	
12	KENIN, Sofia	USA	S. Kenin	62 61
13	FERNANDEZ, Leylah	CAN	A. Krunic	64 36 11-9
14	KALASHNIKOVA, Oksana	GEO	H. Guo	
15	ALEXANDROVA, Ekaterina	USA	X. Jiang	36 63 10-8
16	MATTEK-SANDS, Bethanie	USA	C. Garcia	
17	GUO, Hanyu	CHN	K. Mladenovic	63 67(6) 10-7
18	JIANG, Xinyu	CHN	C. Garcia	
19	WC GARCIA, Caroline	FRA	K. Mladenovic	62 62
20	MLADENOVIC, Kristina	FRA	T. Babos	
21	DOLEHIDE, Caroline	USA	M. Bouzkova	36 63 10-0
22	KRAWCZYK, Desirae	USA	S. Aoyama	
23	5 SCHUURS, Demi	NED	A. Krunic	64 75
24	STEFANI, Luisa	BRA	A. Krunic	46 63 17-15
25	BABOS, Timea	HUN	M. Kato	
26	BOUZKOVA, Marie	CZE	A. Sutjiadi	64 62
27	RAINA, Ankita	IND	S. Hunter	
28	THOMBARE, Prarthana	IND	K. Siniakova 4	62 62
29	AOYAMA, Shuko	JPN	L. Kichenok	
30	KRUNIC, Aleksandra	JPN	J. Ostapenko 6	
31	KATO, Miyu	JPN	A. Parks	
32	SUTJIADI, Aldila	INA	Y. Xu	76(5) 63
33	GREY, Sarah Beth	GBR	A. Danilina	
34	SILVA, Eden	GBR	S. Zhang	64 63
35	Bye		G. Dabrowski	
36	4 HUNTER, Storm	AUS	E. Routliffe 2	
37	SINIAKOVA, Katerina	CZE		
38	6 KICHENOK, Lyudmyla	UKR		
39	OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT		
40	RUS, Arantxa	NED		
41	WANG, Xinyu	CHN		
42	KUDERMETOVA, Veronika	UKR		
43	PANOVA, Alexandra	CHN		
44	PARKS, Alycia	USA		
45	XU, Yifan	CHN		
46	DANILINA, Anna	KAZ		
47	ZHANG, Shuai	CHN		
48	GAMARRA MARTINS, Ingrid	BRA		
49	KICHENOK, Nadiia	UKR		
50	Bye			
51	2 DABROWSKI, Gabriela	CAN		
52	ROUTLIFFE, Erin	NZL		

ORDER OF PLAY

CENTRE COURT	COURT 1	COURT 3
<i>Starting at 12:00 PM</i>	<i>Starting at 12:00 PM</i>	<i>Starting at 12:00 PM</i>
R16 [8] Maria Sakkari GRE vs Jasmine Paolini ITA	R16 [7] Marketa Vondrousova CZE vs [12] Liudmila Samsonova	R16 Ulrikke Eikeri NOR Fang-Hsien Wu TPE vs [7] Hao-Ching Chan TPE Giuliana Olmos MEX
<i>Not before 1:30 PM</i>	<i>Followed by</i>	<i>Followed by</i>
R16 [Q] Magdalena Frech POL vs [4] Elena Rybakina KAZ	R16 [9] Jelena Ostapenko LAT vs [Q] Anna Kalinskaya	R16 Anna Danilina KAZ Shuai Zhang CHN vs [2] Gabriela Dabrowski CAN Erin Routliffe NZL
<i>Not before 4:00 PM</i>	<i>Followed by</i>	<i>Followed by</i>
R16 [3] Coco Gauff USA vs Karolina Pliskova CZE	R16 Sorana Cirstea ROU vs Donna Vekic CRO	R16 [1] Su-Wei Hsieh TPE Elise Mertens BEL vs Aliaksandra Sasnovich Laura Siegemund GER
		<i>After suitable rest</i>
		R16 [6] Lyudmyla Kichenok UKR Jelena Ostapenko LAT vs Alycia Parks USA Yifan Xu CHN
<i>Not before 7:00 PM</i>		
R16 [1] Iga Swiatek POL vs [15] Elina Svitolina UKR		
<i>Followed by</i>		
R16 Anastasia Potapova vs [6] Qinwen Zheng CHN		

TRIVIA ANSWERS |

1. Martina Hingis | 2. 2024 | 3. Ace and Annette | 4. Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe



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