

THE BASELINE

DAILY NEWSLETTER



THERE CAN BE ONLY *ONE*

It's quarterfinals time in Dubai, and a maiden title awaits for one of the final eight.

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A NEW CHAMPION WILL BE CROWNED



With two-time Dubai winner Elina Svitolina the latest former champion to be eliminated from the singles tournament, a new champion will be crowned at this year’s Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships.

After winning in three sets against qualifier Magdalena Frech, former Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina is in her second Dubai quarterfinal and will take to Centre Court today to face Jasmine Paolini, who upset No8 seed Maria Sakkari in straight sets to book her place in the last eight.

Just a day after delivering the shock of the tournament by knocking out Australian Open

champion Aryna Sabalenka, Donna Vekic was defeated in the Round of 16 at the hands of World No22 Sorana Cîrstea, who will have to get through the reigning Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova today to reach her first Dubai semifinal.

Court 1 saw yet another upset at this year’s WTA 1000 tournament yesterday, as World No40 Anna Kalinskaya knocked out Seed No9 Jelena Ostapenko. The qualifier’s next opponent is the US Open champion Coco Gauff, who’s fourth Dubai campaign continued yesterday after outlasting two-time Grand Slam finalist Karolína Plíšková over three sets.

The final spot in this year’s semifinal belongs to either World No1 Iga Swiatek, or Australian Open finalist Qinwen Zheng, who face each other on Centre Court today.



WHAT’S ON TODAY?

Be sure to be in your seat at 11am to watch the action unfold. If you’re looking for fun family activities, make sure to check out the Tennis Village, and don’t forget to be on Centre Court later today at 6:45pm for the Catch and Win where you’ll have the chance to win some great prizes.



DDFTC TRIVIA

- How many Grand Slam champions are left in this year’s singles tournament - 1,2 or 4?
- How many Americans are left in this year’s singles tournament - 1, 2, or 3?
- Who is the lowest ranked player left in the singles tournament? - Anna Kalinskaya, Jasmine Paolini, or Sorana Cîrstea?
- Who is Jelena Ostapenko’s doubles partner in this year’s doubles tournament - Lyudmyla Kichenok, Alycia Parks, or Xu Yifan?



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

DOUBLES MAIN DRAW

1	1	HSIEH, Su-Wei	TPE	S. Hsieh	1
2		Bye		E. Mertens	1
3		SASNOVICH, Aliaksandra	GER	A. Sasnovich	
4		SIEGEMUND, Laura	GER	L. Siegemund	67(5) 62 10-8
5		HOZUMI, Eri	JPN	06 75 10-6	
6		NINOMIYA, Makoto	JPN		
7		EIKERI, Ulrikke	NOR	U. Eikeri	
8		WU, Fang-Hsien	TPE	F. Wu	67(5) 61 10-6
9		POTAPOVA, Anastasia	RUS	U. Eikeri	
10		ZVONAREVA, Vera	RUS	F. Wu	36 76(5) 10-6
11		LINETTE, Magda	POL	H. Chan	
12		NICULESCU, Monica	ROU	G. Olmos	7
13		Bye		16 62 10-4	
14	7	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	M. Andreeva	
20		KENIN, Sofia	USA	S. Kenin	62 61
21		FERNANDEZ, Leylah	CAN	64 36 11-9	
22		KALASHNIKOVA, Oksana	GER		
23		ALEXANDROVA, Ekaterina	RUS	H. Guo	
24		MATTEK-SANDS, Bethanie	USA	X. Jiang	
25		GUO, Hanyu	CHN	36 63 10-8	C. Garcia
26		JIANG, Xinyu	CHN		K. Mladenovic
27		GARCIA, Caroline	FRA	63 67(6) 10-7	
28		MLADENOVIC, Kristina	FRA		
29	WC	DOLEHIDE, Caroline	USA	C. Garcia	
30		KRAWCZYK, Desirae	USA	K. Mladenovic	62 62
31		Bye			
32	5	SCHUURS, Demi	NED	T. Babos	
33		STEFANI, Luisa	BRA	M. Bouzkova	
34		BABOS, Timea	HUN	36 63 10-0	S. Aoyama
35		BOUZKOVA, Marie	CZE		A. Krunic
36		RAINA, Ankita	IND	64 75	
37		THOMBARE, Prarthana	IND		
38		AOYAMA, Shuko	JPN	S. Aoyama	
39		KRUNIC, Aleksandra	JPN	A. Krunic	46 63 17-15
40		KATO, Miyu	JPN	M. Kato	
41		SUTJIADI, Aldila	INA	A. Sutjiadi	
42		GREY, Sarah Beth	GBR	64 62	S. Hunter
43		SILVA, Eden	GBR		K. Siniakova
44		Bye		62 62	
45		HUNTER, Storm	AUS	S. Hunter	
46		SINIAKOVA, Katerina	CZE	K. Siniakova	4
47		KICHENOK, Lyudmyla	UKR		
48		OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT	L. Kichenok	
49		RUS, Arantxa	NED	J. Ostapenko	6
50		WANG, Xinyu	CHN	76(5) 63	
51		KUDERMETOVA, Veronika	RUS		
52		PANOVA, Alexandra	RUS	L. Kichenok	
53		PARKS, Alycia	USA	J. Ostapenko	6
54		XU, Yifan	CHN	76(4) 63	
55		DANILINA, Anna	KAZ	A. Parks	
56		ZHANG, Shuai	CHN	Y. Xu	
57		GAMARRA MARTINS, Ingrid	BRA	76(5) 62	
58		KICHENOK, Nadia	UKR	64 63	
59		Bye		A. Danilina	
60		DABROWSKI, Gabriela	CAN	S. Zhang	
61		ROUTLIFFE, Erin	NZL	64 63	G. Dabrowski
62					E. Routliffe
63					2
64					57 62 10-6

ORDER OF PLAY

CENTRE COURT	COURT 1
Starting at 2:00 PM	Starting at 2:00 PM
QF	QF
[7] Marketa Vondrousova CZE vs Sorana Cirstea ROU	[3] Nicole Melichar-Martinez USA Ellen Perez AUS vs [WC] Caroline Garcia FRA Kristina Mladenovic FRA
Followed by	Followed by
QF	QF
Jasmine Paolini ITA vs [4] Elena Rybakina KAZ	Aliaksandra Sasnovich Laura Siegemund GER vs Ulrikke Eikeri NOR Fang-Hsien Wu TPE
	Followed by
	QF
	Shuko Aoyama JPN Aleksandra Krunic SRB vs [4] Storm Hunter AUS Katerina Siniakova CZE
Not before 7:00 PM	Followed by
QF	QF
[1] Iga Swiatek POL vs [6] Qinwen Zheng CHN	[6] Lyudmyla Kichenok UKR Jelena Ostapenko LAT vs [2] Gabriela Dabrowski CAN Erin Routliffe NZL
Followed by	
QF	
[3] Coco Gauff USA vs [Q] Anna Kalinskaya	



TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 4 | 2. 1 | 3. Anna Kalinskaya | 4. Lyudmyla Kichenok



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