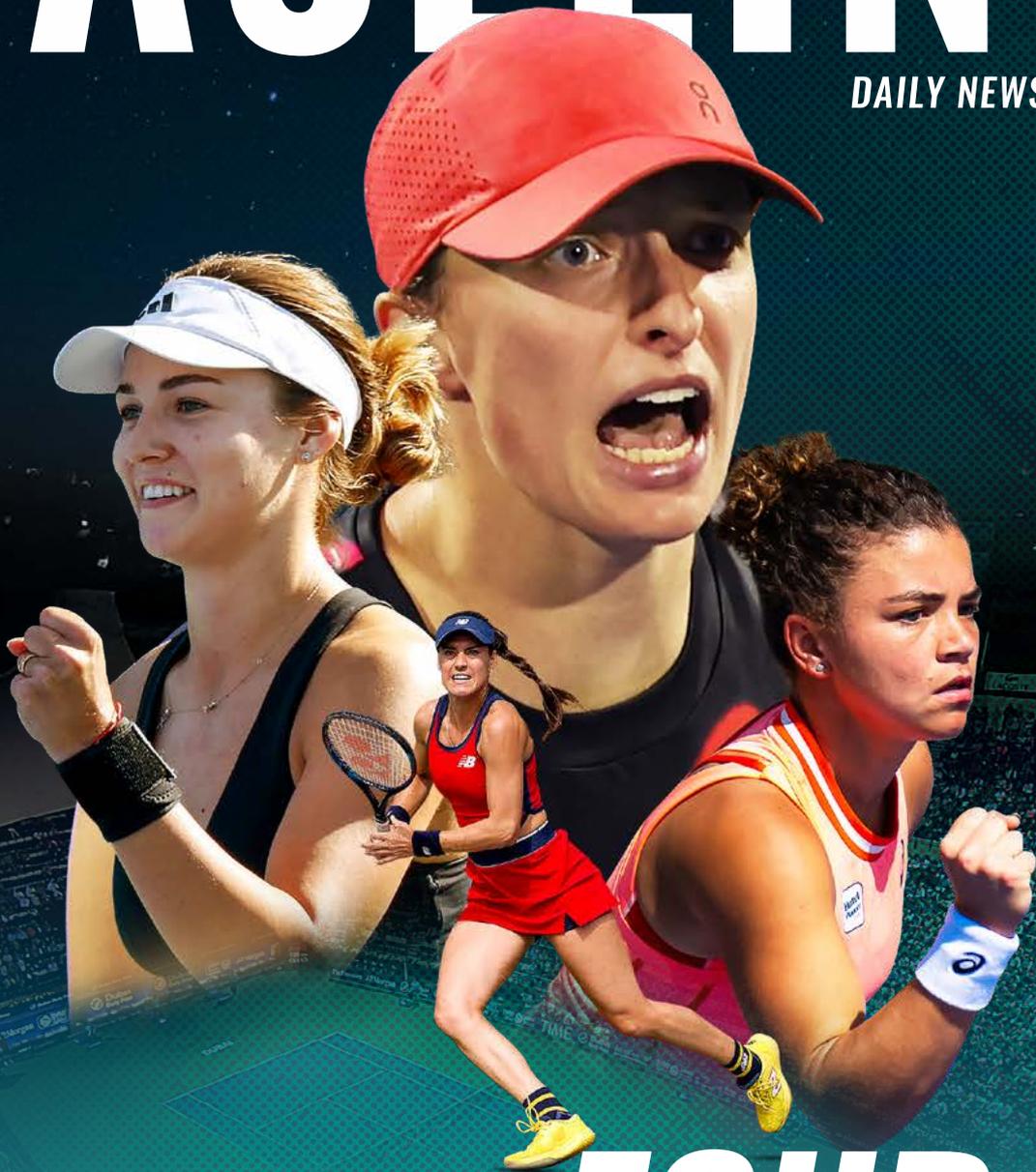


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DAILY NEWSLETTER



THE FINAL *FOUR*

Two huge matches await today as the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships enters the semifinal stage, with Iga Swiatek set to face Anna Kalinskaya.

Day 6 | 23 February 2024

KALINSKAYA AND SWIATEK CLASH IN THE SEMIFINAL

The Centre Court will see a fierce clash between World No1 Iga Swiatek and qualifier Anna Kalinskaya, who came from one set down to beat World No3 Coco Gauff in a shock 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory last night to reach her first career WTA 1000 semifinal in Dubai.

Swiatek, a defeated finalist here last year, made light work of Australian Open finalist Qinwen Zheng in her quarterfinal, winning in straight sets 6-3 6-2 to book her place in the final four.

After completing a remarkable comeback against the reigning Wimbledon champion Marketa

Vondrousova in the quarterfinals, Sorana Cirstea will face World No26 Jasmine Paolini in the other semi on Centre Court today. The Romanian found herself a set down, trailing 5-1 in the second, and facing a match point, but managed to claw her way back against Seed No7 Vondrousova, eventually emerging victorious in a near three-hour thriller.

Meanwhile in Doubles, Aliaksandra Sasnovich and Laura Siegemund face Nicole Melichar-Martinez and Ellen Perez in the first of two semis, before Storm Hunter and Katerina Siniakova take on Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe.



WHAT'S ON TODAY?

Catch all singles and doubles semifinals on Centre Court today, starting from 3pm, while fun family activities can be found throughout the day in 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.

“My advice: it's always to enjoy, to have fun, and don't think too much about being a pro tennis player. Just enjoy and live the present. And dream,” said **Jasmine Paolini** to young tennis players.



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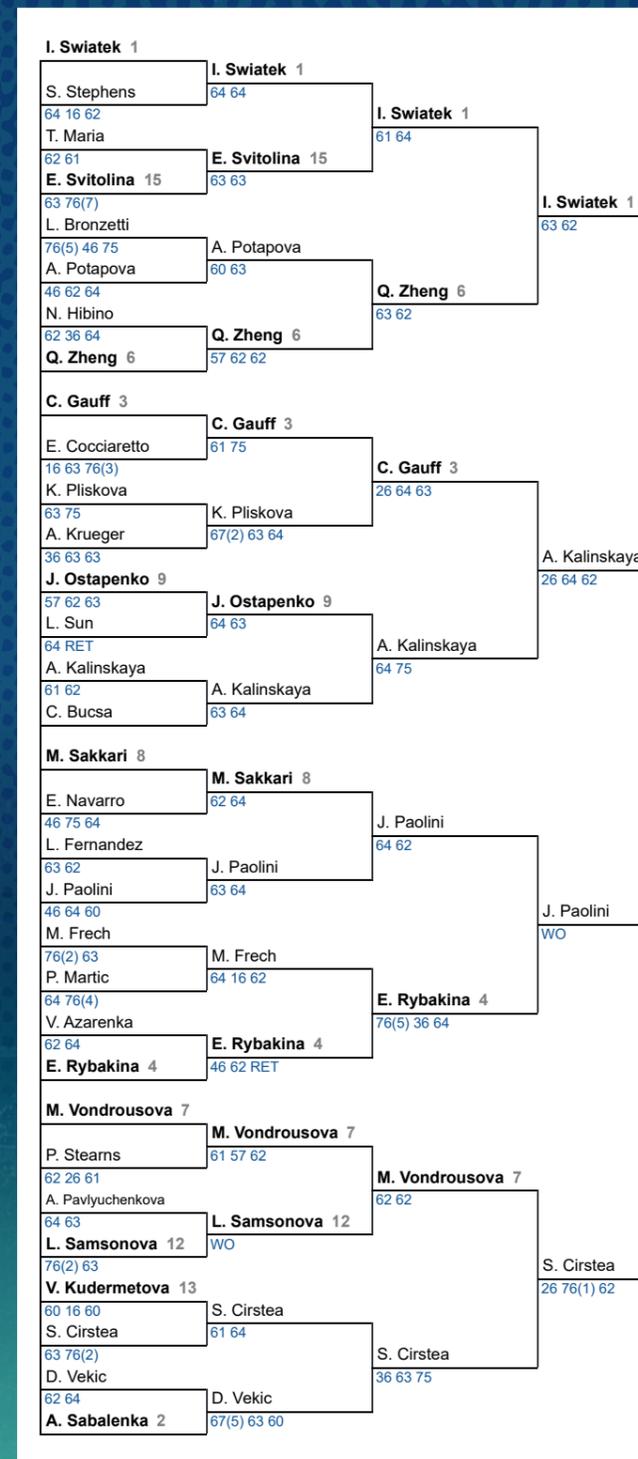
- Who is the only female to reach the final of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championship who is not from Europe or North America?
- Which country has produced the most winners in the history of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships women's tournament - Russia, United States, or Belgium?
- Who famously won the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships women's singles title four times in five years between 2003 and 2007: Venus Williams, Justine Henin, or Svetlana Kuznetsova?
- Who has won the past two doubles titles here, with two different partners?



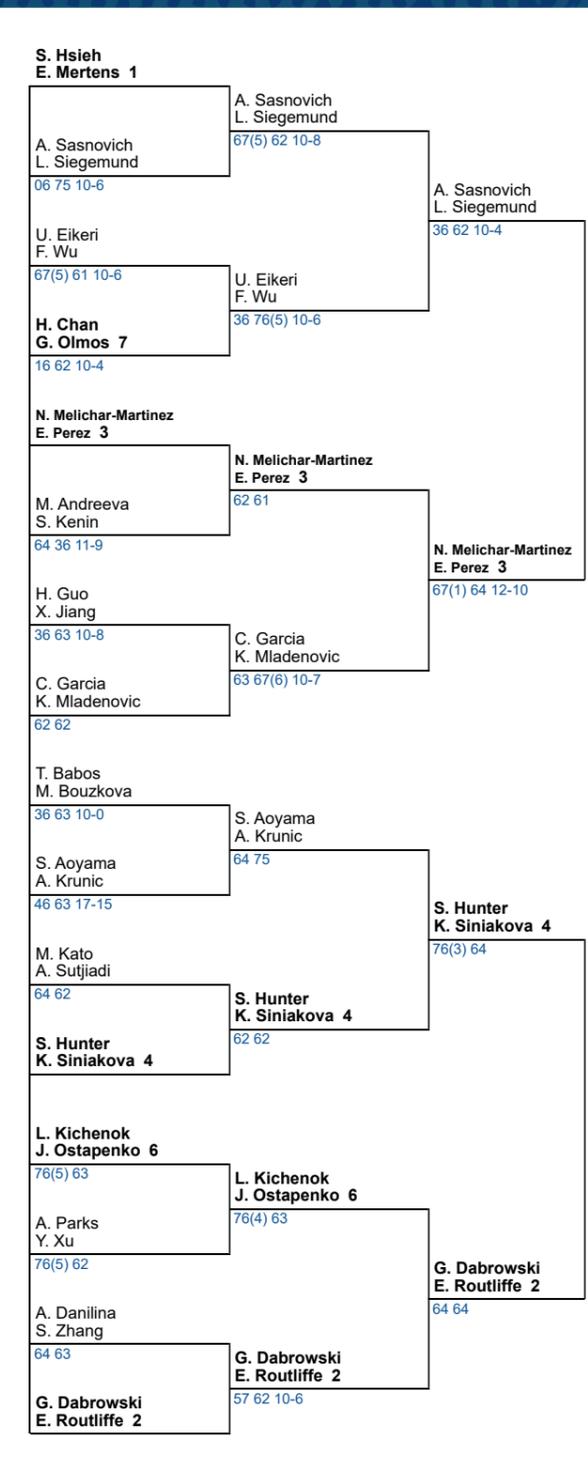
DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Dubai, UAE | 18 Feb - 24 Feb 2024



SINGLES MAIN DRAW



DOUBLES MAIN DRAW



ORDER OF PLAY

CENTRE COURT

Starting at 3:00 PM

SF

Aliaksandra Sasnovich
Laura Siegemund GER
VS
[3] Nicole Melichar-Martinez USA
Ellen Perez AUS

Not before 5:00 PM

SF

Jasmine Paolini ITA
VS
Sorana Cirstea ROU

Not before 7:00 PM

SF

[1] Iga Swiatek POL
VS
[Q] Anna Kalinskaya

Followed by

SF

[4] Storm Hunter AUS
Katerina Siniakova CZE
VS
[2] Gabriela Dabrowski CAN
Erin Routliffe NZL

TRIVIA ANSWERS |

1. Elena Rybakina | 2. United States | 3. Justine Henin | 4. Veronika Kudermetova



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