

THE BASELINE

DAILY NEWSLETTER

CHAMPIONS *RETURN*

Week two officially gets underway today in Dubai, with 32 men ready to do battle at the ATP 500 tournament - which includes three former winners in Daniil Medvedev, Andrey Rublev and Andy Murray.

Day 1 | 26 February 2024

WEEK TWO BEGINS

After an action-packed first week of world class tennis that featured Jasmine Paolini's first WTA 1000 victory, as well as Storm Hunter and Katerina Siniakova's doubles triumph, the spotlight now shifts to the 32nd edition of the ATP tournament.

Making his eighth appearance at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships is the aforementioned Murray, a three-time Grand Slam champion and Olympic gold medalist who lifted the Dubai title in 2017.

The former World No1 will face Denis Shapovalov in a first-round meeting on Centre Court this afternoon. The pair have met just twice previously, with a victory apiece. The Brit's current ATP ranking is 50 in the world

following his second-round exit at the Qatar Open, where he lost out in a thrilling three-set contest to eventual finalist Jakub Mensik. Murray will be hoping to recapture some momentum at this tournament - where he has experienced many happy memories - after a difficult run of form.

Some formidable opposition stands in the way of Murray though, most notably reigning champion Medvedev, 2022 winner Rublev and World No8 Hubert Hurkacz - with the latter a potential quarterfinal opponent for the Scot.

The second week of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships promises to be truly special. Don't miss out and grab your tickets now by heading to the tournament website!



WHAT'S ON TODAY?

The JP Morgan Kids' Day returns this week. The much-loved annual fixture of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships saw more than 600 children from 13 schools take to the courts at the Dubai Tennis Stadium last week to take part in a clinic with professionals from the WTA tour.

And, today, the youngsters will have the chance to interact - and return a serve - with the ATP players in attendance.

Be in your seat at 2pm to catch all the action across the courts today. If you're looking for fun family activities, check out the Tennis Village, and don't forget to be on Centre Court at 6:45pm this evening for Catch and Win to have the chance to win some amazing prizes!

DDFTC TRIVIA

- Which player has won the most Dubai singles titles - Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, or Rafael Nadal?
- In what year was the inaugural Dubai men's singles tournament - 1991, 1993, or 1995?
- Which player won the inaugural singles title in Dubai - Magnus Gustafson, Karel Novacek, or Andre Agassi?
- Who were the doubles champions in Dubai last year?



DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dubai, UAE | 26 February - 2 March 2024



MAIN DRAW SINGLES

1	1	MEDVEDEV, Daniil	
2		KAZ SHEVCHENKO, Alexander	
3	WC	IND NAGAL, Sumit	
4		ITA SONEGO, Lorenzo	
5	SE	CZE MENSIK, Jakub	
6		CRO CORIC, Borna	
7		HUN MAROZZAN, Fabian	
8	8	ESP DAVIDOVICH FOKINA, Alejandro	
9	3	POL HURKACZ, Hubert	
10		GER STRUFF, Jan-Lennard	
11	Q	GER MARTERER, Maximilian	
12		AUS O'CONNELL, Christopher	
13	PR	CAN SHAPOVALOV, Denis	
14		GBR MURRAY, Andy	
15	WC	FRA MONFILS, Gael	
16	5	FRA HUMBERT, Ugo	
17	7	KAZ BUBLIK, Alexander	
18	Q	CZE MACHAC, Tomas	
19		NED GRIEKSPoor, Tallon	
20	WC	JOR SHELBAHY, Abdullah	
21		CZE LEHECKA, Jiri	
22	Q	HUN FUCSOVICS, Marton	
23		AUS POPYRIN, Alexei	
24	4	KHACHANOV, Karen	
25	6	FRA MANNARINO, Adrian	
26		NED VAN DE ZANDSCHULP, Botic	
27		KOTOV, Pavel	
28		USA KORDA, Sebastian	
29		ITA MUSETTI, Lorenzo	
30	Q	FRA CAZAUX, Arthur	
31		CHN ZHANG, Zhizhen	
32	2	RUBLEV, Andrey	

MAIN DRAW DOUBLES

1	1	IND BOPANNA, Rohan	
		AUS EBDEN, Matthew	
2	WC	TUN MANSOURI, Skander	
		PAK QURESHI, Aisam-Ul-Haq	
3		URU BEHAR, Ariel	
		CZE PAVLASEK, Adam	
4		USA LAMMONS, Nathaniel	
		USA WITHROW, Jackson	
5	4	NED KOOLHOF, Wesley	
		CRO MEKTIC, Nikola	
6		NED GRIEKSPoor, Tallon	
		GER STRUFF, Jan-Lennard	
7		ESP DAVIDOVICH FOKINA, Alejandro	
		CZE LEHECKA, Jiri	
8		FRA MAHUT, Nicolas	
		FRA ROGER-VASSELIN, Edouard	
9		KAZ BUBLIK, Alexander	
		FRA MANNARINO, Adrian	
10	Q	IND BHAMBRI, Yuki	
		NED HAASE, Robin	
11		BEL GILLE, Sander	
		BEL VLIEGEN, Joran	
12	3	GBR MURRAY, Jamie	
		NZL VENUS, Michael	
13	WC	IRL AGWI, Michael	
		IRL O'HOISIN, Osgar	
14		GBR GLASSPOOL, Lloyd	
		NED ROJER, Jean-Julien	
15		ESA AREVALO, Marcelo	
		CRO PAVIC, Mate	
16	2	CRO DODIG, Ivan	
		USA KRAJICEK, Austin	

ORDER OF PLAY

	CENTRE COURT	COURT 1
	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm
1	Adrian MANNARINO (FRA) [6] vs Botic VAN DE ZANDSCHULP (NED)	Pavel KOTOV vs Sebastian KORDA (USA)
	Not Before 4:00 pm	followed by
2	[PR] Denis SHAPOVALOV (CAN) vs Andy MURRAY (GBR)	[WC] Michael AGWI (IRL) Osgar O'HOISIN (IRL) vs Lloyd GLASSPOOL (GBR) Jean-Julien ROJER (NED)
		Not Before 5:00 pm
3		Alexander BUBLIK (KAZ) [7] vs [Q] Tomas MACHAC (CZE)
	Not Before 7:00 pm	followed by
4	Zhizhen ZHANG (CHN) vs Andrey RUBLEV [2]	Tallon GRIEKSPoor (NED) vs [WC] Abdullah SHEL BAYH (JOR)
	followed by	
5	Hubert HURKACZ (POL) [3] vs Jan-Lennard STRUFF (GER)	

TRIVIA ANSWERS |

1. Roger Federer | 2. 1993 | 3. Karel Novacek | 4. Maxime Cressy and Fabrice Martin



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