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DAILY NEWSLETTER



THE CHAMP IS ***BACK***

Reigning Dubai champion Daniil Medvedev returns to action at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships on day two of the ATP 500 tournament.

Day 2 | 27 February 2024

DANIIL BACK IN ACTION

Last year’s Dubai men’s singles champion Daniil Medvedev returns to the Dubai Tennis Stadium today, marking his first appearance on the tour since the Australian Open final. The World No4 won the tournament here last March without dropping a set, with a path to the final featuring victories over 24-time Grand Slam winner Novak Djokovic, and former Dubai champion Andrey Rublev. Announced as Seed No1 on Saturday’s draw, the former US Open champion will face Kazakhstani Alexander Shevchenko on Centre Court in his first round match. The two met just once before last year in Madrid where Medvedev emerged victorious over three sets.

The reigning champion will look to start off his journey to a second successive Dubai title on the right foot with a win over the World No47.

Also, in action on Centre Court today is the No4 Seed Karen Khachanov, fresh from lifting the Qatar Open trophy in Doha on Saturday. The World No15 will have a first career meeting with lucky loser from qualifiers Luca van Assche, after his original opponent Alexei Popyrin withdrew from the tournament due to injury. Khachanov makes his eighth appearance at the championships; his best campaign coming in 2020 where he reached the quarterfinals.



WHAT’S ON TODAY?

Tennis Emirates Junior Clinic - Rising stars of the UAE tennis scene will be treated to a coaching clinic with professionals, giving them a taste of life as a top pro. Organised by the UAE Tennis Federation, Tennis Emirates, and ATP, it’s an exciting opportunity for promising youngsters to learn from the best.



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*It’s not bad. 500 is a lot of matches - I’m very proud of that. Hard court has always been a great surface for me. It’s great to get to 500 before I’m done,” said **Andy Murray** after his 500th hard court win yesterday, putting him in an elite list of players who have achieved the feat, including Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andre Agassi.*

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1. What is the reigning Dubai champion Daniil Medvedev’s career high ranking - 1,2, or 3?
2. Murray’s victory yesterday marked his 500th win on hard court, but how many career singles wins does the Scot have?
3. Murray’s brother Jamie is competing in the doubles tournament in Dubai this year, but who is his partner?
4. How many of the World’s Top 20 singles players are competing in Dubai this 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 MENSİK, Jakub	
6		CRO CORIC, Borna	
7		HUN MAROZSAN, Fabian	
8	8	ESP DAVIDOVICH FOKINA, Alejandro	
9	3	POL HURKACZ, Hubert	H. HURKACZ [3]
10		GER STRUFF, Jan-Lennard	76(5) 67(4) 76(6)
11	Q	GER MARTERER, Maximilian	
12		AUS O'CONNELL, Christopher	
13	PR	CAN SHAPOVALOV, Denis	A. MURRAY
14		GBR MURRAY, Andy	46 76(5) 63
15	WC	FRA MONFILS, Gael	
16	5	FRA HUMBERT, Ugo	
17	7	KAZ BUBLIK, Alexander	A. BUBLIK [7]
18	Q	CZE MACHAC, Tomas	26 63 76(5)
19		NED GRIEKSPoor, Tallon	T. GRIEKSPoor
20	WC	JOR SHELBAH, Abdullah	75 20 Ret'd
21		CZE LEHECKA, Jiri	
22	Q	HUN FUCSOVICS, Marton	
23		AUS POPYRIN, Alexei	
24	4	KHACHANOV, Karen	
25	6	FRA MANNARINO, Adrian	B. VAN DE ZANDSCHUL
26		NED VAN DE ZANDSCHULP, Botic	76(3) 75
27		KOTOV, Pavel	S. KORDA
28		USA KORDA, Sebastian	60 62
29		ITA MUSETTI, Lorenzo	
30	Q	FRA CAZAUX, Arthur	
31		CHN ZHANG, Zhizhen	A. RUBLEV [2]
32	2	RUBLEV, Andrey	67(4) 62 64

MAIN DRAW DOUBLES

1	1	IND BOPANNA, Rohan	
		AUS EBDEN, Matthew	
2	WC	TUN MANSOURI, Skander	
		PAK QURESHI, Aisam-UI-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	L. GLASSPOOL
		IRL O'HOISIN, Osgar	J. ROJER
14		GBR GLASSPOOL, Lloyd	60 76(5)
		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	COURT 2	COURT 3
	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm
1	[WC] Gael MONFILS (FRA) vs Ugo HUMBERT (FRA) [5]	Fabian MAROZSAN (HUN) vs Alejandro DAVIDOVICH FOKINA (ESP) [8]	LUCKY LOSER vs Ivan DODIG (CRO) Austin KRAJICEK (USA) [2]	Jiri LEHECKA (CZE) vs [Q] Marton FUCSOVICS (HUN)
	Not Before 4:00 pm	followed by	followed by	followed by
2	[LL] Luca VAN ASSCHE (FRA) vs Karen KHACHANOV [4]	Lorenzo MUSETTI (ITA) vs [Q] Arthur CAZAUX (FRA)	Alexander BUBLIK (KAZ) Adrian MANNARINO (FRA) vs [Q] Yuki BHAMBRI (IND) Robin HAASE (NED)	[Q] Maximilian MARTERER (GER) vs Christopher O'CONNELL (AUS)
		followed by	followed by	followed by
3		[SE] Jakub MENSIK (CZE) vs Borna CORIC (CRO)	Wesley KOOLHOF (NED) Nikola MEKTIC (CRO) [4] vs Tallon GRIEKSPoor (NED) Jan-Lennard STRUFF (GER)	After rest Alejandro DAVIDOVICH FOKINA (ESP) Jiri LEHECKA (CZE) vs Nicolas MAHUT (FRA) Edouard ROGER-VASSELIN (FRA)
	Not Before 7:00 pm	followed by	followed by	
4	Daniil MEDVEDEV [1] vs Alexander SHEVCHENKO (KAZ)	Rohan BOPANNA (IND) Matthew EBDEN (AUS) [1] vs [WC] Skander MANSOURI (TUN) Aisam-UI-Haq QURESHI (PAK)	Ariel BEHAR (URU) Adam PAVLASEK (CZE) vs Nathaniel LAMMONS (USA) Jackson WITHROW (USA)	
	followed by			
5	[WC] Sumit NAGAL (IND) vs Lorenzo SONEGO (ITA)			

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