

# THE BASELINE

DAILY NEWSLETTER



# THE GREAT EIGHT

Two former champions remain in the tournament, as six look to lift a maiden Dubai title. It's quarterfinals time.

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# BATTLE FOR DUBAI DOUBLE

With Andy Murray’s departure from the ATP 500 event yesterday, just two former Dubai champions remain focused on claiming the prize once more at this year’s Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships. After defeating Italian Lorenzo Sonogo over three sets, the No1 Seed Daniil Medvedev will have to get through Alejandro Davidovich Fokina on Centre Court today, to continue his campaign for a second successive Dubai title. On the opposite end of the draw is Seed No2 Andrey Rublev, who won the title here in 2022. Having dispatched Frenchman Arthur

Cazaux, the former champ’s next test comes in the form of World No33 Sebastian Korda. Rublev leads the head-to-head over the American 3-0. The top two seeds have 35 titles between them, but neither have won the same title twice before.

Ugo Humbert’s victory over three-time Grand Slam champion Murray means he will face Seed No3 Hubert Hurkacz, while Jiri Lehecka will face Alexander Bublik at 2pm on Centre Court.



## WHAT’S ON TODAY?

Be in your seat from 2pm to watch all the quarterfinals action unfold. 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 the Catch and Win, to have the chance to win some amazing prizes.



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*I definitely want to do it one time in my career. It’s not going to be easy here. If you want to win titles, especially later in the tournament, you’ll have to be perfect. That’s what I’m going to try to aim for,” said Medvedev on the prospect of defending a title for the first time in his career.*

### DDFTC TRIVIA

1. How many sets did Daniil Medvedev drop in his 2023 title-winning Dubai campaign?
2. Sebastian Korda will look to be the first American to lift the Dubai men’s singles title since who?
3. Who was the last player to lift the title that wasn’t a first time champion?
4. Who was the first player to claim a second Dubai men’s singles title?

## MAIN DRAW SINGLES

D. MEDVEDEV [1] 63 75	D. MEDVEDEV [1] 36 63 63
L. SONEGO 64 57 61	
J. MENSIK 46 63 76(7)	A. DAVIDOVICH FOKINA [8] 76(7) 10 Ret'd
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H. HURKACZ [3] 76(5) 67(4) 76(6)	H. HURKACZ [3] 76(5) 64
C. O'CONNELL 62 64	
A. MURRAY 46 76(5) 63	U. HUMBERT [5] 62 64
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A. BUBLIK [7] 26 63 76(5)	A. BUBLIK [7] 76(8) 76(2)
T. GRIEKSPoor 75 20 Ret'd	
J. LEHECKA 64 36 75	J. LEHECKA 67(6) 76(5) 64
K. KHACHANOV [4] 62 63	
B. VAN DE ZANDSCHULP 76(3) 75	S. KORDA 61 60
S. KORDA 60 62	
A. CAZAUX 64 76(2)	A. RUBLEV [2] 64 64
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## MAIN DRAW DOUBLES

R. BOPANNA M. EBDEN [1] 76(4) 76(5)	
A. BEHAR A. PAVLASEK 36 63 10-8	
T. GRIEKSPoor J. STRUFF 63 76(5)	T. GRIEKSPoor J. STRUFF 64 64
N. MAHUT E. ROGER-VASSELIN 61 67(1) 11-9	
Y. BHAMBRI R. HAASE 67(6) 63 10-8	
J. MURRAY M. VENUS [3] 63 67(2) 10-7	
L. GLASSPOOL J. ROJER 60 76(5)	I. DODIG A. KRAJICEK [2] 67(5) 63 10-5
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# ORDER OF PLAY

	CENTRE COURT	COURT 1
	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm	Matches Start At: 2:00 pm
1	Alexander BUBLIK (KAZ) [7] vs Jiri LEHECKA (CZE)	[Q] Yuki BHAMBRI (IND) Robin HAASE (NED) vs Jamie MURRAY (GBR) Michael VENUS (NZL) [3]
	followed by	Not Before 4:00 pm
2	Sebastian KORDA (USA) vs Andrey RUBLEV [2]	Rohan BOPANNA (IND) Matthew EBDEN (AUS) [1] vs Ariel BEHAR (URU) Adam PAVLASEK (CZE)
3		
	Not Before 7:00 pm	
4	Daniil MEDVEDEV [1] vs Alejandro DAVIDOVICH FOKINA (ESP) [8]	
	followed by	
5	Hubert HURKACZ (POL) [3] vs Ugo HUMBERT (FRA) [5]	

**TRIVIA ANSWERS** | 1. 0 | 2. Andy Roddick (2008) | 3. Novak Djokovic (2020) | 4. Roger Federer (2004)



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