

THE

DAILY NEWSLETTER

# BASELINE



# MEGA MONDAY

The second day of the WTA 1000 event in Dubai will see stars such as Beatriz Haddad Maia, Sorana Cîrstea, Ons Jabeur, and Jelena Ostapenko take to the court

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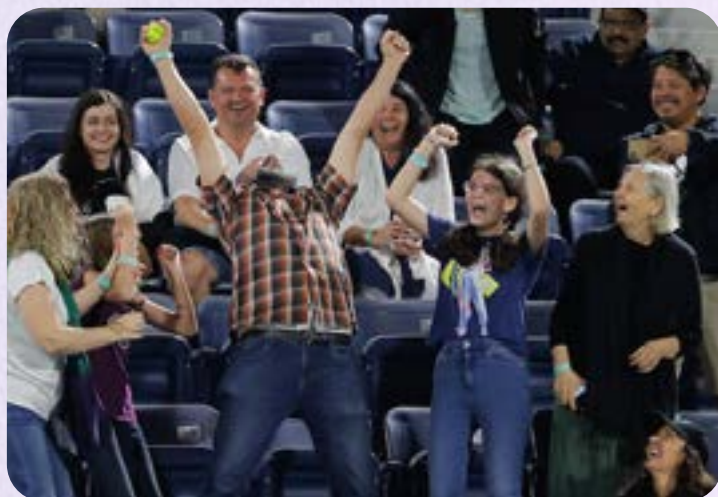
## ACTION CONTINUES TODAY

As is tradition, the first day of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships saw top-ranked WTA players address the media at a roundtable inside the Jumeirah Creekside Hotel.

World No1 Aryna Sabalenka, plotting her first Dubai title, could hardly believe her eyes when she saw her potential second-round opponent in the draw – Qatar Open nemesis Ekaterina Alexandrova. “No joke,” she said. “Right before I saw the draw, I was like: ‘Will be cool if I would go up against Alexandrova one more time. Then the guys sent me the draw and I was like ‘Oh my God. Am I a magician or something? How can I predict that? Can I see the future?’”

Meanwhile, World No2 Iga Swiatek discussed her growing connection with Dubai as she returns for her fifth consecutive appearance in the emirate. “Every year, I have a nicer experience because it feels more like home,” said Swiatek. “I also really enjoy playing here in front of the fans – many people are coming from different countries to see the tournament. Dubai is making women’s tennis more popular, so playing in this city and this environment is something pretty exciting. I’m happy to be here.”

World No3 Coco Gauff has spent the past week balancing tennis with tourism in Dubai. As well as ramping up training preparations at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium, the 2023 US Open champion set aside some time to explore a little of the emirate with her mother, Candi, taking in the aquarium and other sights at Dubai Mall.



## WHAT'S ON TODAY

- Young tennis fans join Alexandra Panova and Fanny Stollar for a J.P. Morgan Kids' Day at 9:40 AM.
- Day 2 of action kicks off at 11:00 AM with matches across four courts.
- For a chance to win fantastic prizes, don't miss the Catch & Win competition on Centre Court at 6:15 PM!



### DDFTC TRIVIA

1. Who is the Arab superstar competing today? Ons Jabeur, Iga Świątek, or Coco Gauff?
2. Who won the inaugural WTA event at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships? Martina Hingis, Nathalie Tauziat, or Justine Henin-Hardenne?
3. Which anniversary is the WTA celebrating at this year's Championships? 33rd, 30th, or 25th?
4. Who is the defending ATP 500 champion at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships? Ugo Humbert, Daniil Medvedev, or Andrey Rublev?





# DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dubai, UAE | February 16 – March 1, 2025



## SINGLES MAIN DRAW

## DOUBLES MAIN DRAW

1	<b>1 SABALENKA, Aryna</b>		<b>A. Sabalenka 1</b>
2	Bye		
3	ALEXANDROVA, Ekaterina		
4	<b>Q KUDERMETOVA, Veronika</b>		
5	SRAMKOVA, Rebecca	SVK	
6	TAUSON, Clara	DEN	
7	SVITOLINA, Elina	UKR	<b>E. Svitolina</b>
8	<b>15 KALINSKAYA, Anna</b>		61 62
9	<b>11 SHNAIDER, Diana</b>		
10	FRECH, Magdalena	POL	
11	NOSKOVA, Linda	CZE	L. Noskova
12	PUTINTSEVA, Yulia	KAZ	62 76(5)
13	SAMSONOVA, Liudmila		L. Samsonova
14	PAVLYUCHENKOVA, Anastasia		62 62
15	Bye		<b>J. Pegula 5</b>
16	<b>5 PEGULA, Jessica</b>	USA	
17	<b>3 GAUFF, Coco</b>	USA	<b>C. Gauff 3</b>
18	Bye		
19	KESSLER, McCartney	USA	
20	ANISIMOVA, Amanda	USA	
21	SAKKARI, Maria	GRE	<b>E. Raducanu</b>
22	<b>wc RADUCANU, Emma</b>	GBR	64 62
23	<b>Q LAMENS, Suzan</b>	NED	<b>K. Muchova 14</b>
24	<b>14 MUCHOVA, Karolina</b>	CZE	62 62
25	<b>10 KASATKINA, Daria</b>		
26	<b>wc CIRSTEA, Sorana</b>	ROU	
27	<b>Q PARKS, Alycia</b>	USA	<b>A. Parks</b>
28	WANG, Xinyu	CHN	63 63
29	BENCIC, Belinda	SUI	<b>B. Bencic</b>
30	<b>Q ITO, Aoi</b>	JPN	60 62
31	Bye		<b>E. Navarro 8</b>
32	<b>8 NAVARRO, Emma</b>	USA	
33	<b>6 RYBAKINA, Elena</b>	KAZ	<b>E. Rybakina 6</b>
34	Bye		
35	<b>Q UCHIJIMA, Moyuka</b>	JPN	
36	OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT	
37	MERTENS, Elise	BEL	<b>E. Mertens</b>
38	FERNANDEZ, Leylah	CAN	62 62
39	SUN, Lulu	NZL	<b>P. Badosa 9</b>
40	<b>9 BADOSA, Paula</b>	ESP	63 64
41	<b>16 VEKIC, Donna</b>	CRO	<b>S. Kenin</b>
42	<b>wc KENIN, Sofia</b>	USA	75 63
43	<b>Q SINIAKOVA, Katerina</b>	CZE	
44	KOSTYUK, Marta	UKR	
45	<b>Q LYS, Eva</b>	GER	
46	<b>Q BEGU, Irina-Camelia</b>	ROU	
47	Bye		<b>J. Paolini 4</b>
48	<b>4 PAOLINI, Jasmine</b>	ITA	
49	<b>7 ZHENG, Qinwen</b>	CHN	<b>Q. Zheng 7</b>
50	Bye		
51	JABEUR, Ons	TUN	
52	STEARNS, Peyton	USA	
53	VONDROUSOVA, Marketa	CZE	<b>M. Vondrousova</b>
54	<b>wc GARCIA, Caroline</b>	FRA	62 62
55	AVANESYAN, Elina	ARM	
56	<b>12 ANDREEVA, Mirra</b>		
57	<b>13 HADDAD MAIA, Beatriz</b>	BRA	
58	POTAPOVA, Anastasia		
59	LINETTE, Magda	POL	<b>D. Yastremska</b>
60	YASTREMSKA, Dayana	UKR	63 75
61	AZARENKA, Victoria		
62	KALININA, Anhelina	UKR	
63	Bye		<b>I. Swiatek 2</b>
64	<b>2 SWIATEK, Iga</b>	POL	

1	<b>1 SINIAKOVA, Katerina</b>	CZE	<b>K. Siniakova</b>
	<b>TOWNSEND, Taylor</b>	USA	<b>T. Townsend 1</b>
2	Bye		
3	STEARNS, Peyton	USA	<b>P. Stearns</b>
	SUN, Lulu	NZL	<b>L. Sun</b>
4	FERNANDEZ, Leylah	CAN	36 62 10-5
	KICHENOK, Nadiia	UKR	
5	<b>wc ITO, Aoi</b>	JPN	
	YASHINA, Ekaterina		
6	HADDAD MAIA, Beatriz	BRA	
	SIEGEMUND, Laura	GER	
7	MUHAMMAD, Asia	USA	
	SCHUURS, Demi	NED	
8	<b>5 MERTENS, Elise</b>	BEL	
	<b>PEREZ, Ellen</b>	AUS	
9	<b>4 ERRANI, Sara</b>	ITA	<b>S. Errani</b>
	<b>PAOLINI, Jasmine</b>	ITA	<b>J. Paolini 4</b>
10	Bye		
11	EIKERI, Ulrikke	NOR	<b>A. Panova</b>
	NICULESCU, Monica	ROU	<b>F. Stollar</b>
12	PANOVA, Alexandra	HUN	63 64
	STOLLAR, Fanny		
13	BABOS, Tímea	HUN	<b>M. Kessler</b>
	MELICHAR-MARTINEZ, Nicole	USA	<b>C. Tauson</b>
14	KESSLER, McCartney	USA	36 63 10-7
	TAUSON, Clara	DEN	
15	MLADENOVIC, Kristina	FRA	<b>K. Mladenovic</b>
	ZHANG, Shuai	CHN	<b>S. Zhang</b>
16	<b>7 KENIN, Sofia</b>	USA	61 62
	<b>KICHENOK, Lyudmyla</b>	UKR	
17	<b>8 DANILINA, Anna</b>	KAZ	
	<b>KHROMACHEVA, Irina</b>		
18	POTAPOVA, Anastasia		
	SIZIKOVA, Yana		
19	BUCSA, Cristina	ESP	<b>B. Mattek-Sands</b>
	KATO, Miyu	JPN	<b>L. Stefani</b>
20	MATTEK-SANDS, Bethanie	USA	16 64 10-4
	STEFANI, Luisa	BRA	
21	KRAWCZYK, Desirae	USA	
	OLMOS, Giuliana	MEX	
22	AOYAMA, Shuko	JPN	
	HOZUMI, Eri	JPN	
23	Bye		<b>S. Hsieh</b>
			<b>J. Ostapenko 3</b>
24	<b>3 HSIEH, Su-Wei</b>	TPE	
	<b>OSTAPENKO, Jelena</b>	LAT	
25	<b>6 CHAN, Hao-Ching</b>	TPE	<b>T. Mihalikova</b>
	<b>KUDERMETOVA, Veronika</b>		<b>O. Nicholls</b>
26	MIHALIKOVA, Tereza	SVK	64 62
	NICHOLLS, Olivia	GBR	
27	<b>wc JIANG, Xinyu</b>	CHN	
	<b>WU, Fang-Hsien</b>	TPE	
28	XU, Yifan	CHN	
	YANG, Zhaoxuan	CHN	
29	NOSKOVA, Linda	CZE	
	PUTINTSEVA, Yulia	KAZ	
30	WANG, Xinyu	CHN	
	ZHENG, Saisai	CHN	
31	Bye		<b>G. Dabrowski</b>
			<b>E. Routliffe 2</b>
32	<b>2 DABROWSKI, Gabriela</b>	CAN	
	<b>ROUTLIFFE, Erin</b>	NZL	



# ORDER OF PLAY

	CENTRE COURT	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3
	STARTING AT 11:00 AM	STARTING AT 11:00 AM	STARTING AT 11:00 AM	STARTING AT 11:00 AM
<b>1</b>	R64 [13] Beatriz Haddad Maia BRA VS Anastasia Potapova	R64 [11] Diana Shnaider VS Magdalena Frech POL	R32 Asia Muhammad USA Demi Schuurs NED VS [5] Elise Mertens BEL Ellen Perez AUS	R64 [Q] Eva Lys GER VS [Q] Irina-Camelia Begu ROU
	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY
<b>2</b>	R64 [10] Daria Kasatkina VS [WC] Sorana Cirstea ROU	R64 [Q] Katerina Siniakova CZE VS Marta Kostyuk UKR	R32 Linda Noskova CZE Yulia Putintseva KAZ VS Xinyu Wang CHN Saisai Zheng CHN	R64 Rebecca Sramkova SVK VS Clara Tauson DEN
	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	AFTER SUITABLE REST	AFTER SUITABLE REST
<b>3</b>	R64 Victoria Azarenka VS Anhelina Kalinina UKR	R64 [Q] Moyuka Uchijima JPN VS Jelena Ostapenko LAT	R32 [WC] Aoi Ito JPN Ekaterina Yashina VS Beatriz Haddad Maia BRA Laura Siegemund GER	R32 [8] Anna Danilina KAZ Irina Khromacheva VS Anastasia Potapova Yana Sizikova
		FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY
<b>4</b>		R64 McCartney Kessler USA VS Amanda Anisimova USA	R32 Desirae Krawczyk USA Giuliana Olmos MEX VS Shuko Aoyama JPN Eri Hozumi JPN	R32 [WC] Xinyu Jiang CHN Fang-Hsien Wu TPE VS Yifan Xu CHN Zhaoxuan Yang CHN
	NOT BEFORE 6:30 PM	FOLLOWED BY		
<b>5</b>	R64 Ons Jabeur TUN VS Peyton Stearns USA	R64 Ekaterina Alexandrova VS [Q] Veronika Kudermetova		
	FOLLOWED BY			
<b>6</b>	R64 Elina Avanesyan ARM VS [12] Mirra Andreeva			

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

Ons Jabeur  
Martina Hingis  
25th  
Ugo Humbert

