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## EPIC MATCHUPS

Get ready for intense competition at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships as top players clash

# ATP 500 DUBAI DRAW SETS UP THRILLING SHOWDOWNS

The official draw of the ATP 500 men's tournament served up a series of mouthwatering ties on Saturday.

This year's 32-player field includes four former winners in Daniil Medvedev, Andrey Rublev, Roberto Bautista Agut, and reigning champion Ugo Humbert, who was present at the draw held inside the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium.

Top seed Medvedev, ranked No. 6 in the world and winner of the 2021 US Open, is making his third consecutive appearance in Dubai and was drawn against Jan-Lennard Struff, who he holds a 7-1 record against.

Rublev, the tournament's third seed, is back for a sixth consecutive year and will start his quest for a second Dubai crown against qualifier Quentin Halys. Humbert, meanwhile, will start of his title defence against World No. 25 Jiri Lehecka, who stunned Carlos Alcaraz in the quarter-finals of the Doha Open.



## DOUGAZ AND HABIB EYE BREAKTHROUGH IN DUBAI



Tunisia's Aziz Dougaz and Lebanon's Hady Habib will compete in the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships main draw for the first time on Monday. Dougaz, ranked World No. 216, faces Belgium's Zizou Bergs on Court 1. "Playing here is a childhood dream come true," said the 27-year-old.

Habib, the first Lebanese player to win a Grand Slam singles match, takes on Alexei Popyrin on Centre Court. "The Australian Open was an incredible experience, and I want to build on that here," said the 26-year-old.

Other key first-round matches include No. 4 seed Stefanos Tsitsipas vs. Lorenzo Sonego, Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard vs. Zhizhen Zhang, and former semi-finalist Dan Evans vs. World No. 21 Karen Khachanov. Khachanov, a Dubai resident, will also play doubles with 2022 champion Andrey Rublev.

## WHAT'S ON TODAY

- Young tennis fans take part in J. P. Morgan Kids' Day at 9:00 AM.
- Day 1 of ATP 500 action kicks off at 02:00 PM with matches on Centre Court and Court 1.
- For a chance to win fantastic prizes, don't miss the Catch & Win competition on Centre Court at 6:15 PM!



### DDFTC TRIVIA

- Which ATP 500 tournament is played at the highest altitude, affecting ball speed and player performance?  
A) Rio Open B) Acapulco Open C) Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships D) Swiss Indoors Basel
- Who was the first Arab player to reach the final of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships?  
A) Malek Jaziri B) Younes El Aynaoui C) Karim Alami D) Omar Behroozian
- Which former world No. 1 won his first ATP 500 title at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships?  
A) Carlos Alcaraz B) Daniil Medvedev C) Andy Roddick D) Juan Carlos Ferrero
- The Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships was the first ATP tournament in the Middle East. Which other Middle Eastern city now hosts an ATP Tour event?  
A) Riyadh B) Doha C) Manama D) Muscat





## DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dubai, UAE | February 16 – March 1



## SINGLES MAIN DRAW

|    |           |                            |     |
|----|-----------|----------------------------|-----|
| 1  | <b>1</b>  | <b>MEDVEDEV, Daniil</b>    |     |
| 2  |           | STRUFF, Jan-Lennard        | GER |
| 3  |           | MPETSHI PERRICARD, ...     | FRA |
| 4  |           | ZHANG, Zhizhen             | CHN |
| 5  | <b>Q</b>  | SAFIULLIN, Roman           |     |
| 6  |           | GRIEKSPoor, Tallon         | NED |
| 7  |           | LEHECKA, Jiri              | CZE |
| 8  | <b>5</b>  | <b>HUMBERT, Ugo</b>        | FRA |
| 9  | <b>4</b>  | <b>TSITSIPAS, Stefanos</b> | GRE |
| 10 |           | SONEGO, Lorenzo            | ITA |
| 11 | <b>WC</b> | EVANS, Daniel              | GBR |
| 12 |           | KHACHANOV, Karen           |     |
| 13 |           | MONFILS, Gael              | FRA |
| 14 |           | BERRETTINI, Matteo         | ITA |
| 15 | <b>Q</b>  | O'CONNELL, Christopher     | AUS |
| 16 | <b>6</b>  | <b>DIMITROV, Grigor</b>    | BUL |
| 17 |           | Lucky Loser                |     |
| 18 | <b>Q</b>  | FUCSOVICS, Marton          | HUN |
| 19 | <b>WC</b> | DOUGAZ, Aziz               | TUN |
| 20 |           | BERGS, Zizou               | BEL |
| 21 |           | MAROZSAN, Fabian           | HUN |
| 22 |           | BAUTISTA AGUT, Roberto     | ESP |
| 23 | <b>Q</b>  | HALYS, Quentin             | FRA |
| 24 | <b>3</b>  | <b>RUBLEV, Andrey</b>      |     |
| 25 | <b>8</b>  | <b>FILS, Arthur</b>        | FRA |
| 26 |           | BORGES, Nuno               | POR |
| 27 |           | BUBLIK, Alexander          | KAZ |
| 28 |           | AUGER-ALIASSIME, Felix     | CAN |
| 29 |           | POPYRIN, Alexei            | AUS |
| 30 | <b>WC</b> | HABIB, Hady                | LBN |
| 31 | <b>PR</b> | CILIC, Marin               | CRO |
| 32 | <b>2</b>  | <b>DE MINAUR, Alex</b>     | AUS |

## DOUBLES MAIN DRAW

|    |           |                          |     |
|----|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| 1  | <b>1</b>  | <b>AREVALO, Marcelo</b>  | ESA |
| 2  |           | <b>PAVIC, Mate</b>       | CRO |
|    |           | BHAMBRI, Yuki            | IND |
|    |           | POPYRIN, Alexei          | AUS |
| 3  |           | BOPANNA, Rohan           | IND |
|    |           | DODIG, Ivan              | CRO |
| 4  |           | CASH, Julian             | GBR |
|    |           | GLASSPOOL, Lloyd         | GBR |
| 5  | <b>3</b>  | <b>KRAWIETZ, Kevin</b>   | GER |
|    |           | <b>PUETZ, Tim</b>        | GER |
| 6  |           | GRIEKSPoor, Tallon       | NED |
|    |           | PAVLASEK, Adam           | CZE |
| 7  |           | MURRAY, Jamie            | GBR |
|    |           | PEERS, John              | AUS |
| 8  | <b>WC</b> | NEDUNCHEZHIAN, J...      | IND |
|    |           | PRASHANTH, Vijay Su...   | IND |
| 9  | <b>Q</b>  | HAASE, Robin             | NED |
|    |           | JEBENS, Hendrik          | GER |
| 10 | <b>WC</b> | TSITSIPAS, Pavlos        | GRE |
|    |           | TSITSIPAS, Petros        | GRE |
| 11 |           | KHACHANOV, Karen         |     |
|    |           | RUBLEV, Andrey           |     |
| 12 | <b>4</b>  | <b>BOLELLI, Simone</b>   | ITA |
|    |           | <b>VAVASSORI, Andrea</b> | ITA |
| 13 |           | SALISBURY, Joe           | GBR |
|    |           | SKUPSKI, Neal            | GBR |
| 14 |           | EBDEN, Matthew           | AUS |
|    |           | VLIEGEN, Joran           | BEL |
| 15 |           | MEKTIC, Nikola           | CRO |
|    |           | VENUS, Michael           | NZL |
| 16 | <b>2</b>  | <b>HELIOVAARA, Harri</b> | FIN |
|    |           | <b>PATTEN, Henry</b>     | GBR |



# ORDER OF PLAY

|          | CENTRE COURT   | COURT 1   |
|----------|--|---|
| <b>1</b> | STARTS AT 2:00 PM<br><br>Alexei POPYRIN AUS<br>VS<br>[WC] Hady HABIB LBN | STARTS AT 2:00 PM<br><br>Fabian MAROZZAN HUN<br>VS<br>Roberto BAUTISTA AGUT ESP             |
|          | NOT BEFORE 4:00 PM   | FOLLOWED BY   |
| <b>2</b> | [WC] Daniel EVANS GBR<br>VS<br>Karen KHACHANOV                           | [WC] Aziz DOUGAZ TUN<br>VS<br>Zizou BERGS BEL   |
|          |  | FOLLOWED BY   |
| <b>3</b> |  | [3] Kevin KRAWIETZ GER<br>Tim PUETZ GER<br>VS<br>Tallon GRIEKSPoor NED<br>Adam PAVLASEK CZE |
|          | NOT BEFORE 6:30 PM   | FOLLOWED BY<br><small>AFTER SUITABLE REST</small>   |
| <b>4</b> | [4] Stefanos TSITSIPAS GRE<br>VS<br>Lorenzo SONEGO ITA                   | Karen KHACHANOV<br>Andrey RUBLEV<br>VS<br>[4] Simone BOLELLI ITA<br>Andrea VAVASSORI ITA    |
|          | FOLLOWED BY  |   |
| <b>5</b> | Giovanni MPETSHI PERRICARD FRA<br>VS<br>Zhizhen ZHANG CHN                |   |

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Swiss Indoors Basel
2. Younes El Aynaoui
3. Andy Roddick
4. Doha

