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The stakes are high as top contenders battle for glory on a thrilling Day 2 in Dubai

## DE MINAUR AND BERRETTINI REV UP AHEAD OF DDFTC

Self-confessed car fanatic Alex de Minaur traded his vintage 1973 Mini 850 Deluxe for a BMW M5 on Sunday evening at the Dubai Autodrome as the World No8 gears up for his third appearance at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships.

De Minaur, who enters the tournament with a 13-3 record this season, was joined by Italian Matteo Berrettini at Dubai's premier motorsport and entertainment venue as the pair swapped racquets for racing suits.

For De Minaur, it was his first time on a racetrack—either as a driver or passenger—and the Australian No1, whose passion for cars spans both classic and modern models, savored every moment. The 26-year-old, who faces former US Open champion Marin Čilić in his opening match today, hit a top speed of 225 km/h as he unleashed the twin-turbo V8's full power.

Berrettini, meanwhile, will aim to extend his winning streak to four matches when he faces Frenchman Gaël Monfils in their round of 32 clash today.



## EBDEN AND VLIEGEN HOST JP MORGAN KIDS' DAY



Over 500 children from 12 Dubai schools took part in the annual JP Morgan Kids' Day at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships.

Young tennis enthusiasts engaged in games and activities that tested their skills and sportsmanship. The highlight was a tennis relay, warming them up for an exciting session with former World No1 Matt Ebden and his doubles partner, Joran Vliegen.

Taking a break from tournament preparations, Ebden and Vliegen played rallies and inspired the next generation. Vliegen praised the turnout and talent on display, while Ebden called it one of the best kids' events he has attended. "Seeing so many kids passionate about tennis is incredible," he said. "These experiences help build physical and social skills while fostering a love for the game."

## WHAT'S ON TODAY

- Youngsters get a memorable experience at Emirates Junior Tennis Clinic, courtesy of the UAE Tennis Federation at 8:00 AM
- Day 2 of ATP 500 action kicks off at 02:00 PM 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!





# DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dubai, UAE | February 16 – March 1



## SINGLES MAIN DRAW

## DOUBLES MAIN DRAW

1	<b>1</b>	<b>MEDVEDEV, Daniil</b>		
2		STRUFF, Jan-Lennard	GER	
3		MPETSHI PERRICARD, ...	FRA	G. Mpetshi Perricard
4		ZHANG, Zhizhen	CHN	63 76 <sup>3</sup>
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	<b>S. Tsitsipas 4</b>
10		SONEGO, Lorenzo	ITA	76 <sup>4</sup> 63
11	<b>WC</b>	EVANS, Daniel	GBR	K. Khachanov
12		KHACHANOV, Karen		61 63
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	<b>LL</b>	NARDI, Luca	ITA	
18	<b>Q</b>	FUCSOVICS, Marton	HUN	
19	<b>WC</b>	DOUGAZ, Aziz	TUN	Z. Bergs
20		BERGS, Zizou	BEL	63 63
21		MAROZSAN, Fabian	HUN	R. Bautista Agut
22		BAUTISTA AGUT, Roberto	ESP	36 63 76 <sup>4</sup>
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	A. Popyrin
30	<b>WC</b>	HABIB, Hady	LBN	62 64
31	<b>PR</b>	CILIC, Marin	CRO	
32	<b>2</b>	<b>DE MINAUR, Alex</b>	AUS	

1	<b>1</b>	<b>AREVALO, Marcelo</b>	ESA	
		<b>PAVIC, Mate</b>	CRO	
2		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>K. Krawietz 3</b>
		<b>PUETZ, Tim</b>	GER	<b>T. Puetz</b>
6		GRIEKSPoor, Tallon	NED	63 64
		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		<b>S. Bolelli 4</b>
		RUBLEV, Andrey		<b>A. Vavassori</b>
12	<b>4</b>	<b>BOLELLI, Simone</b>	ITA	57 63 16-14
		<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	



## DDFTC TRIVIA

- Which player holds the record for the most consecutive appearances at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships?  
A) Feliciano López B) Tomas Berdych C) Fernando Verdasco D) Malek Jaziri
- Which former Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships winner went on to claim their first Grand Slam title later the same year?  
A) Daniil Medvedev B) Andy Murray C) Stan Wawrinka D) Juan Martín del Potro
- In what year did the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships introduce a WTA event?  
A) 1999 B) 2001 C) 2003 D) 2005
- Which ATP 500 tournament was originally played on clay before switching to hard courts in 2014?  
A) Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships B) Vienna Open C) Mexican Open (Acapulco) D) Queen's Club Championships



# ORDER OF PLAY

	CENTRE COURT	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3
	STARTS AT 2:00 PM	STARTS AT 2:00 PM	STARTS AT 2:00 PM	STARTS AT 2:00 PM
<b>1</b>	[PR] Marin CILIC CRO VS [2] Alex DE MINAUR AUS	[8] Arthur FILS FRA VS Nuno BORGES POR	[1] Marcelo AREVALO ESA Mate PAVIC CRO VS Yuki BHAMBRI IND Alexei POPYRIN AUS	[LL] Luca NARDI ITA VS [Q] Marton FUCSOVICS HUN
	NOT BEFORE 4:00 PM	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY
<b>2</b>	[Q] Quentin HALYS FRA VS [3] Andrey RUBLEV	Alexander BUBLIK KAZ VS Felix AUGER-ALIASSIME CAN	[Q] Robin HAASE NED Hendrik JEBENS GRE VS [WC] Pavlos TSITSIPAS GRE Petros TSITSIPAS GRE	[Q] Roman SAFIULLIN VS Tallon GRIEKSPoor NED
		FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY
<b>3</b>		Jiri LEHECKA CZE VS [5] Ugo HUMBERT FRA	Jamie MURRAY GBR John PEERS AUS VS [WC] Jeevan NEDUNCHEZHIAN IND Vijay Sundar PRASHANTH IND	Nikola MEKTIĆ CRO Michael VENUS NZL VS [2] Harri HELIOVAARA FIN Beatriz PATTEN GBR
	NOT BEFORE 6:30 PM	FOLLOWED BY		
<b>4</b>	[1] Daniil MEDVEDEV VS Jan-Lennard STRUFF GER	[Q] Christopher O'CONNELL AUS VS [6] Grigor DIMITROV BUL		
	FOLLOWED BY			
<b>5</b>	Gael MONFILS FRA VS Matteo BERRETTINI ITA			

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Feliciano López
2. Andy Murray
3. 2001
4. Mexican Open (Acapulco)

