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HIGH-STAKES BATTLES

Day 3 brings another round of intense clashes as top players push closer to the Dubai title

TSITSIPAS EMBRACES EMIRATI TRADITION WITH TAILOR-MADE KANDURA



Greek tennis star Stefanos Tsitsipas embraced Emirati culture ahead of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships by getting fitted for a custom-made kandura. The World No11 visited a top UAE tailor to select fabrics and design details for his bespoke attire.

“My first experience wearing a kandura was in Oman. It was incredibly comfortable, and I felt connected to the culture,” said Tsitsipas. “People don’t realise how comfortable it is – I’d pick it over any normal clothes any day.”

After selecting a sleek white kandura, Tsitsipas debuted it at the ATP Players’ Party in Dubai. “Fashion is a great way to connect with different cultures,” he added. “This experience has been truly special.” A fan favourite in Dubai, Tsitsipas was warmly welcomed at the event, with players and fans appreciating his enthusiasm for local traditions.

RISING YOUNG STARS PUT POPYRIN TO THE TEST

World No27 Alexei Popyrin joined some of the UAE’s most promising young talents for an Emirates Junior Tennis Clinic at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships.

Testing their agility and technique, 12 teenagers between the ages of 13 and 16 - among them Abdulla Al Janahi, ranked No4 in the UAE under-14 category - rallied with Popyrin, who grew up in the UAE and was once a ballboy at the tournament.

Popyrin, who grew up in the UAE and was once a ballboy at the tournament, reflected on his journey: “I was around eight or nine when I participated in my first clinic. The most important thing, no matter your level, is to have fun.”

Fresh off a 6-2, 6-4 win over Hady Habib in the first round, Popyrin faces 2014 US Open winner Marin Cilic in today’s second round.



WHAT'S ON TODAY

- Children of determination celebrate the joy of tennis with Clark Francis Tennis Academy coaches at 8:15 AM.
- Day 3 of ATP 500 action kicks off at 2:00 PM with matches on Centre Court, Court 1, and Court 3.
- 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	1	MEDVEDEV, Daniil		D. Medvedev 1
2		STRUFF, Jan-Lennard	GER	64 76 ⁴
3		MPETSHI PERRICARD, ...	FRA	G. Mpetshi Perricard
4		ZHANG, Zhizhen	CHN	63 76 ³
5	Q	SAFIULLIN, Roman		T. Griekspoor
6		GRIEKSPoor, Tallon	NED	57 76 ⁴ 76 ¹
7		LEHECKA, Jiri	CZE	U. Humbert 5
8	5	HUMBERT, Ugo	FRA	63 60
9	4	TSITSIPAS, Stefanos	GRE	S. Tsitsipas 4
10		SONEGO, Lorenzo	ITA	76 ⁴ 63
11	WC	EVANS, Daniel	GBR	K. Khachanov
12		KHACHANOV, Karen		61 63
13		MONFILS, Gael	FRA	M. Berrettini
14		BERRETTINI, Matteo	ITA	75 64
15	Q	O'CONNELL, Christopher	AUS	C. O'Connell
16	6	DIMITROV, Grigor	BUL	60 RET
17	LL	NARDI, Luca	ITA	L. Nardi
18	Q	FUCSOVICS, Marton	HUN	16 62 63
19	WC	DOUGAZ, Aziz	TUN	Z. Bergs
20		BERGS, Zizou	BEL	63 63
21		MAROSZAN, Fabian	HUN	R. Bautista Agut
22		BAUTISTA AGUT, Roberto	ESP	36 63 76 ⁴
23	Q	HALYS, Quentin	FRA	Q. Halys
24	3	RUBLEV, Andrey		36 64 76 ⁵
25	8	FILS, Arthur	FRA	N. Borges
26		BORGES, Nuno	POR	62 61
27		BUBLIK, Alexander	KAZ	F. Auger-Aliassime
28		AUGER-ALIASSIME, Felix	CAN	76 ⁷ 67 ⁴ 63
29		POPYRIN, Alexei	AUS	A. Popyrin
30	WC	HABIB, Hady	LBN	62 64
31	PR	CILIC, Marin	CRO	M. Cilic
32	2	DE MINAUR, Alex	AUS	62 36 63

1	1	AREVALO, Marcelo	ESA	Y. Bhambri
		PAVIC, Mate	CRO	A. Popyrin
2		BHAMBRI, Yuki	IND	46 76 ¹ 10-3
		POPYRIN, Alexei	AUS	
3		BOPANNA, Rohan	IND	
		DODIG, Ivan	CRO	
4		CASH, Julian	GBR	
		GLASSPOOL, Lloyd	GBR	
5	3	KRAWIETZ, Kevin	GER	K. Krawietz 3
		PUETZ, Tim	GER	T. Puetz
6		GRIEKSPoor, Tallon	NED	63 64
		PAVLASEK, Adam	CZE	
7		MURRAY, Jamie	GBR	J. Murray
		PEERS, John	AUS	J. Peers
8	WC	NEDUNCHEZHIAN, J...	IND	64 76 ⁵
		PRASHANTH, Vijay Su...	IND	
9	Q	HAASE, Robin	NED	R. Haase
		JEBENS, Hendrik	GER	H. Jebens
10	WC	TSITSIPAS, Pavlos	GRE	62 62
		TSITSIPAS, Petros	GRE	
11		KHACHANOV, Karen		S. Bolelli 4
		RUBLEV, Andrey		A. Vavassori
12	4	BOLELLI, Simone	ITA	57 63 16-14
		VAVASSORI, Andrea	ITA	
13		SALISBURY, Joe	GBR	
		SKUPSKI, Neal	GBR	
14		EBDEN, Matthew	AUS	
		VLIAGEN, Joran	BEL	
15		MEKTIC, Nikola	CRO	H. Heliovaara 2
		VENUS, Michael	NZL	H. Patten
16	2	HELIOVAARA, Harri	FIN	67 ⁵ 76 ⁸ 10-6
		PATTEN, Henry	GBR	



DDFTC TRIVIA

- Who was the first qualifier to win the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships?
A) Thomas Johansson B) Jiri Vesely C) Marcos Baghdatis D) Aslan Karatsev
- Which ATP 500 tournament is the longest-running event at the same venue?
A) Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships B) Queen's Club Championships C) Swiss Indoors Basel D) Rotterdam Open
- What is the official capacity of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium centre court?
A) 3,500 B) 5,000 C) 7,500 D) 10,000
- Which player won both the singles and doubles titles at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships in the same year?
A) Fabrice Santoro B) Novak Djokovic C) Leander Paes D) Ivan Ljubicic



ORDER OF PLAY

	CENTRE COURT	COURT 1	COURT 3
	STARTS AT 2:00 PM	STARTS AT 2:00 PM	STARTS AT 2:00 PM
1	Nuno BORGES POR VS Felix AUGER-ALIASSIME CAN	Alexei POPYRIN AUS VS [PR] Marin CILIC CRO	Joe SALISBURY GBR Neal SKUPSKI GBR VS Matthew EBDEN AUS Joran VLIEGEN BEL
	NOT BEFORE 4:00 PM	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY
2	Tallon GRIEKSPoor NED VS [5] Ugo HUMBERT FRA	[LL] Luca NARDI ITA VS Zizou BERGS BEL	Rohan BOPANNA IND Ivan DODIG CRO VS Julian CASH GBR Lloyd GLASSPOOL GBR
		FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY
3		Roberto BAUTISTA AGUT ESP VS [Q] Quentin HALYS FRA	[Q] Robin HAASE NED Hendrik JEBENS GER VS [4] Simone BOLELLI ITA Andrea VAVASSORI ITA
	NOT BEFORE 6:30 PM	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY
4	[1] Daniil MEDVEDEV VS Giovanni MPETSHI PERRICARD FRA	Matteo BERRETTINI ITA VS [Q] Christopher O'CONNELL AUS	[3] Kevin KRAWIETZ GER Tim PUETZ GER VS Jamie MURRAY GBR John PEERS AUS
	FOLLOWED BY		
5	[4] Stefanos TSITSIPAS GRE VS Karen KHACHANOV		

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Aslan Karatsev
2. Queen's Club Championships
3. 5,000
4. Fabrice Santoro

