

THE

DAILY NEWSLETTER

BASELINE

ATP
500



FABULOUS FOUR

Quentin Halys will face Felix Auger-Aliassime in the first singles semi-final of the day on Centre Court, followed by Stefanos Tsitsipas taking on Tallon Griekspoor

ROAD TO FINAL



The Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships is hurtling towards an epic conclusion, with the semi-finals set to ignite Centre Court in a battle of raw talent, unshakable determination, and Championship dreams. The action starts at 1 PM, and with high-stakes clashes on the horizon, fans are in for a rollercoaster of adrenaline-fuelled tennis that will keep them on the edge of their seats.

First up, an underdog story in the making: France's Quentin Halys, fresh off a jaw-dropping upset against 2022 Dubai champion Andrey Rublev, is looking to extend his dream run against Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime, who defeated a resurgent Marin Cilic in the quarterfinals.

The second semifinal is a certified blockbuster: Dutchman Tallon Griekspoor, who stunned the crowd with a spectacular comeback against top seed Daniil Medvedev, now locks horns with two-time Dubai finalist Stefanos Tsitsipas, fresh off his victory over Italy's Matteo Berrettini. The stage is set, the intensity is sky-high, and every point will be a fight to the finish.

MPETSHI PERRICARD SUPERFAN GETS DREAM MOMENT IN DUBAI



Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard may have bowed out of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships with a 6-4, 6-4 defeat to top seed Daniil Medvedev, but his impact went far beyond the court.

Among the crowd was nine-year-old Makar, a devoted fan who cheered tirelessly for his French hero throughout the match. Desperate for an autograph, he waited eagerly after the contest, only to leave heartbroken when his hero headed straight off court.

Seeing his disappointment, Dubai Eye 103.8FM, tournament organisers, and ATP officials stepped in, securing a personalised signed message from Mpetshi Perricard on Makar's cap.

With a beaming smile, Makar exclaimed, "Thank you so much!" His father, Benjamin, added: "This has been a huge motivation for him. Tennis is an amazing sport."

While there was no fairytale ending for Mpetshi Perricard on court, his ability to inspire young fans like Makar made his Dubai debut a memorable one.

WHAT'S ON TODAY

- The ATP 500 semi-finals begin with doubles matches starting at 1:00 PM, followed by the first singles match scheduled for no earlier than 5:00 PM on Centre Court.
- For a chance to win fantastic prizes, don't miss the Catch & Win competition on Centre Court at 6:40 PM.





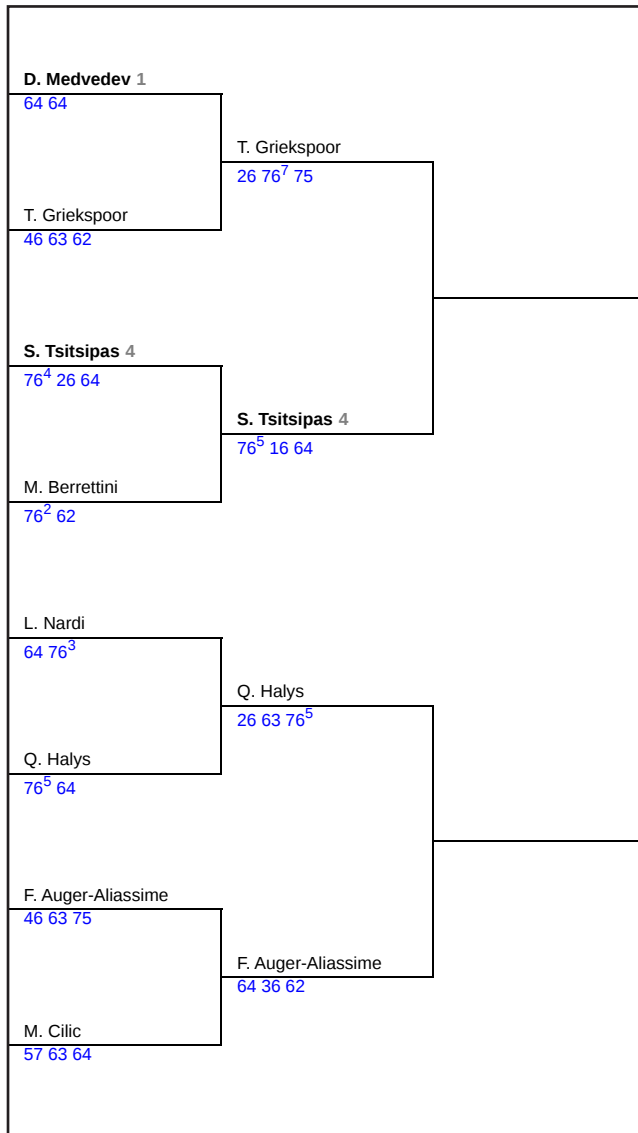
DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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SINGLES MAIN DRAW

DOUBLES MAIN DRAW



DDFTC TRIVIA

1. Who is the youngest male player to win the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships? Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, or Carlos Alcaraz?
2. Which tennis player holds the record for the most weeks as the world's No1 ranked player? Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, or Rafael Nadal?
3. Who is the only tennis player to achieve a 'Golden Slam' by winning all four Grand Slam tournaments and an Olympic gold medal in a single year? Steffi Graf, Serena Williams, or Rafael Nadal?
4. Which is the only Grand Slam tournament played on clay courts? French Open, Spanish Open, or Monte Carlo Masters?



ORDER OF PLAY

CENTRE COURT

1

STARTS AT 1:00 PM

[Q] Robin HAASE NED
Hendrik JEBENS GER

VS

[2] Harri HELIOVAARA CRO
Henry PATTEN GBR

2

FOLLOWED BY

Yuki BHAMBRI IND
Alexei POPYRIN AUS

VS

Jamie MURRAY GBR
John PEERS AUS

3

NOT BEFORE 5:00 PM

[Q] Quentin HALYS FRA
VS
Felix AUGER-ALIASSIME CAN

4

NOT BEFORE 7:00 PM

Tallon GRIEKSPoor NED
VS
[4] Stefanos TSITSIPAS GRE

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Rafael Nadal
2. Novak Djokovic
3. Steffi Graf
4. French Open

