

THE

DAILY NEWSLETTER

BASELINE



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The 25th anniversary of the WTA 1000 event kicks off today, featuring a star-studded lineup with nine of the top 10 and 17 of the top 20 players competing this week

ACTION BEGINS TODAY

The stage is set for the 33rd edition of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships, with the action-packed two-week tournament beginning with the WTA 1000 event from February 16 to 22, setting the stage for the ATP 500 event from February 24 to March 1.

The official draw, held at the Majlis on Saturday, locked in 56 players for a stacked women's field – the most competitive in the tournament's history. The World No18 Anna Kalinskaya, who reached the final in last year's Championships, attended the draw alongside two-time WTA Tour singles champion Sorana Cirstea.



The tie of the first round sees former US Open champion Emma Raducanu go head-to-head against Greek former World No3 and two-time Grand Slam semi-finalist Maria Sakkari today, with the top eight seeds earning first-round byes.

WHAT'S ON TODAY

- Be in your seat from 11am for Round 1 of WTA week.
- Check out the Tennis Village for fun things for the whole family!
- Win some great prizes at today's Catch & Win on Centre Court at 6:15pm.



As always, the WTA week draws the world's top female athletes, and this year is no different. We look forward to welcoming back, among others, World No1 Aryna Sabalenka, five-time Grand Slam winner Iga Swiatek and reigning champion Jasmine Paolini, who reached the French Open and Wimbledon finals before winning Olympics doubles gold in a breakout 2024.

Ramesh Cidambi, Managing Director of Dubai Duty Free and Chairman of the Tournament's Organising Committee.



DDFTC TRIVIA

1. Who is the current women's World No1? Iga Swiatek, Aryna Sabalenka, or Coco Gauff?
2. In what year was the first edition of the WTA event at this Championships–2001, 2002 or 2003?
3. Who is the former US Open champion making her Dubai debut this year? Emma Raducanu, Ons Jabeur, or Elena Rybakina?
4. Who is the defending Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships title holder also competing here this week?





DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dubai, UAE | February 16 – March 1, 2025



SINGLES MAIN DRAW

DOUBLES MAIN DRAW

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

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



ORDER OF PLAY

	CENTRE COURT	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3
1	STARTING AT 11:00 AM R64 Lulu Sun ROU VS [9] Paula Badosa ESP	STARTING AT 11:00 AM R64 Elise Mertens BEL VS Leylah Fernandez CAN	STARTING AT 11:00 AM R32 Timea Babos HUN Nicole Melichar-Martinez USA VS McCartney Kessler USA Clara Tauson DEN	STARTING AT 11:00 AM R64 [Q] Alycia Parks USA VS Xinyu Wang CHN
	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY
2	R64 [16] Donna Vekic CRO VS [WC] Sofia Kenin USA	R64 Linda Noskova CZE VS Yulia Putintseva KAZ	R32 [6] Hao-Ching Chan TPE Veronika Kudermetova VS Tereza Mihalikova SVK Olivia Nicholls GBR	R64 Magda Linette POL VS Dayana Yastremska UKR
	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	AFTER SUITABLE REST
3	R64 Belinda Bencic SUI VS [Q] Aoi Ito JPN	R64 Liudmila Samsonova VS Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	R32 Cristina Bucsa ESP Miyu Kato JPN VS Bethanie Mattek-Sands USA Luisa Stefani BRA	R64 Peyton Stearns USA Lulu Sun NZL VS Leylah Fernandez CAN Nadiia Kichenok UKR
	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	AFTER SUITABLE REST
4	NOT BEFORE 6:30 PM R64 Elina Svitolina UKR VS [15] Anna Kalinskaya	R64 Marketa Vondrousova CZE VS [WC] Caroline Garcia FRA	R32 Ulrikke Eikeri NOR Monica Niculescu ROU VS Alexandra Panova Fanny Stollar HUN	R16 Kristina Mladenovic FRA Shuai Zhang CHN VS [7] Sofia Kenin USA Lyudmyla Kichenok UKR
	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY		
5	R64 Elina Svitolina UKR VS [15] Anna Kalinskaya	R64 [Q] Suzan Lamens NED VS [14] Karolina Muchova CZE		
	FOLLOWED BY			
6	R64 Maria Sakkari GRE VS [WC] Emma Raducanu GBR			

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Aryna Sabalenka
2. 2001
3. Emma Raducanu
4. Jasmine Paolini

