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# BASELINE



## CATCH THE BIG FIVE

Hunting for big games? the world's five top-ranked players - Jessica Pegula, Coco Gauff, Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Świątek, and Jasmine Paolini - are all on court today as the second round gets under way

# PAOLINI, ERRANI TAKE CULTURAL DETOUR IN DUBAI

Italy's Olympic gold-winning duo, Jasmine Paolini and Sara Errani, on Monday, took a break from training for the landmark 25th edition of the WTA event at Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships to explore Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood.

The reigning and former Dubai singles champions visited the Dubai Coffee Museum and the Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Centre for Cultural Understanding (SMCCU).



The pair experienced an Arabic coffee ceremony, learned about Emirati traditions, and also tried falconry and traditional dates during their day out. Paolini, defending her title, kicks off her campaign today at 11 AM against Germany's Eva Lys.



## J.P. MORGAN KIDS' DAY ATTRACTS 350 STUDENTS

Two-time Grand Slam doubles quarterfinalist Alexandra Panova and Hungarian playing partner Fanny Stollár took to a side-court at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium on Monday to put a group of 350 students from nine participating UAE schools through their paces as part of the annual J.P. Morgan Kids' Day.

The J.P. Morgan Kids' Day traditionally takes place during the first days of the two-week Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships, attracting hundreds of students each year and providing them a rare chance to learn up-close from some of the world's best players. Among those involved this year were promising girls' player Isabelle James and boys' player Alexi Luca Rafael, who are both ranked among the best in the UAE for their age group.

This year's clinic, hosted as ever by the CF Tennis Academy, saw the children enjoy an action-packed clinic on court, before being afforded the chance to watch elite tennis, showcase their school spirit, and take on some tennis tips from Panova and Stollár, who will face Italy's Olympic gold medallists Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini in today's doubles second round.

## WHAT'S ON TODAY

- Be in your seat from 11 AM for Round 2 of WTA week as top-ranked players take to the court.
- World No8 Qinwen Zheng of China faces American Peyton Stearns at 6:30 PM on Centre Court.
- Win some great prizes at today's Catch & Win on Centre Court at 6:15 PM.



### DDFTC TRIVIA

1. Who is the most successful player in the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships women's singles? Simona Halep, Justine Henin, or Martina Hingis?
2. What is the name of the venue where the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships are held? Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium, Dubai Sports City, or Dubai Media City?
3. Which of the following players has won the most Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships men's singles titles? Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, or Rafael Nadal?
4. In what year did the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships first take place? 1993, 1996, or 2001?



# DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## SINGLES MAIN DRAW

## DOUBLES MAIN DRAW

1	<b>1 SABALENKA, Aryna</b>	<b>A. Sabalenka 1</b>
2	Bye	
3	ALEXANDROVA, Ekaterina	V. Kudermetova
4	<b>Q</b> KUDERMETOVA, Veronika	36 64 63
5	SRAMKOVA, Rebecca	C. Tauson
6	TAUSON, Clara	76(7) 60
7	SVITOLINA, Elina	E. Svitolina
8	<b>15</b> KALINSKAYA, Anna	61 62
9	<b>11</b> SHNAIDER, Diana	<b>D. Shnaider 11</b>
10	FRECH, Magdalena	62 62
11	NOSKOVA, Linda	L. Noskova
12	PUTINTSEVA, Yulia	62 76(5)
13	SAMSONOVA, Liudmila	L. Samsonova
14	PAVLYUCHENKOVA, Anastasia	62 62
15	Bye	<b>J. Pegula 5</b>
16	<b>5</b> PEGULA, Jessica	USA
17	<b>3</b> GAUFF, Coco	<b>C. Gauff 3</b>
18	Bye	
19	KESSLER, McCartney	M. Kessler
20	ANISIMOVA, Amanda	62 63
21	SAKKARI, Maria	E. Raducanu
22	<b>WC</b> RADUCANU, Emma	64 62
23	<b>Q</b> LAMENS, Suzan	<b>K. Muchova 14</b>
24	<b>14</b> MUCHOVA, Karolina	62 62
25	<b>10</b> KASATKINA, Daria	S. Cirstea
26	<b>WC</b> CIRSTEA, Sorana	61 64
27	<b>Q</b> PARKS, Alycia	A. Parks
28	WANG, Xinyu	63 63
29	BENCIC, Belinda	B. Bencic
30	<b>Q</b> ITO, Aoi	60 62
31	Bye	<b>E. Navarro 8</b>
32	<b>8</b> NAVARRO, Emma	USA
33	<b>6</b> RYBAKINA, Elena	<b>E. Rybakina 6</b>
34	Bye	
35	<b>Q</b> UCHIJIMA, Moyuka	M. Uchijima
36	OSTAPENKO, Jelena	63 63
37	MERTENS, Elise	E. Mertens
38	FERNANDEZ, Leylah	62 62
39	SUN, Lulu	<b>P. Badosa 9</b>
40	<b>9</b> BADOSA, Paula	63 64
41	<b>16</b> VEKIC, Donna	S. Kenin
42	<b>WC</b> KENIN, Sofia	75 63
43	<b>Q</b> SINIAKOVA, Katerina	M. Kostyuk
44	KOSTYUK, Marta	63 64
45	<b>Q</b> LYS, Eva	E. Lys
46	<b>Q</b> BEGU, Irina-Camelia	57 75 63
47	Bye	<b>J. Paolini 4</b>
48	<b>4</b> PAOLINI, Jasmine	ITA
49	<b>7</b> ZHENG, Qinwen	<b>Q. Zheng 7</b>
50	Bye	
51	JABEUR, Ons	P. Stearns
52	STEARNS, Peyton	76(6) 64
53	VONDROUSOVA, Marketa	M. Vondrousova
54	<b>WC</b> GARCIA, Caroline	62 62
55	AVANESYAN, Elina	<b>M. Andreeva 12</b>
56	<b>12</b> ANDREEVA, Mirra	62 61
57	<b>13</b> HADDAD MAIA, Beatriz	A. Potapova
58	POTAPOVA, Anastasia	63 60
59	LINETTE, Magda	D. Yastremska
60	YASTREMSKA, Dayana	63 75
61	AZARENKA, Victoria	V. Azarenka
62	KALININA, Anhelina	26 76(4) 64
63	Bye	<b>I. Swiatek 2</b>
64	<b>2</b> SWIATEK, Iga	POL

1	<b>1</b> SINIAKOVA, Katerina	CZE	<b>K. Siniakova</b>
	<b>TOWNSEND, Taylor</b>	USA	<b>T. Townsend 1</b>
2	Bye		
3	STEARNS, Peyton	USA	P. Stearns
	SUN, Lulu	NZL	L. Sun
4	FERNANDEZ, Leylah	CAN	36 62 10-5
	KICHENOK, Nadiia	UKR	
5	<b>WC</b> ITO, Aoi	JPN	B. Haddad Maia
	YASHINA, Ekaterina		L. Siegemund
6	HADDAD MAIA, Beatriz	BRA	63 76(3)
	SIEGEMUND, Laura	GER	
7	MUHAMMAD, Asia	USA	A. Muhammad
	SCHUURS, Demi	NED	D. Schuurs
8	<b>5</b> MERTENS, Elise	BEL	63 16 13-11
	PEREZ, Ellen	AUS	
9	<b>4</b> ERRANI, Sara	ITA	<b>S. Errani</b>
	PAOLINI, Jasmine	ITA	<b>J. Paolini 4</b>
10	Bye		
11	EIKERI, Ulrikke	NOR	A. Panova
	NICULESCU, Monica	ROU	F. Stollar
12	PANOVA, Alexandra	HUN	63 64
	STOLLAR, Fanny		
13	BABOS, Tímea	HUN	M. Kessler
	MELICHAR-MARTINEZ, Nicole	USA	C. Tauson
14	KESSLER, McCartney	USA	36 63 10-7
	TAUSON, Clara	DEN	
15	MLADENOVIC, Kristina	FRA	K. Mladenovic
	ZHANG, Shuai	CHN	S. Zhang
16	<b>7</b> KENIN, Sofia	USA	61 62
	KICHENOK, Lyudmyla	UKR	
17	<b>8</b> DANILINA, Anna	KAZ	<b>A. Danilina</b>
	KHROMACHEVA, Irina		<b>I. Khromacheva 8</b>
18	POTAPOVA, Anastasia		61 63
	SIZIKOVA, Yana		
19	BUCSA, Cristina	ESP	B. Mattek-Sands
	KATO, Miyu	JPN	L. Stefani
20	MATTEK-SANDS, Bethanie	USA	16 64 10-4
	STEFANI, Luisa	BRA	
21	KRAWCZYK, Desirae	USA	D. Krawczyk
	OLMOS, Giuliana	MEX	G. Olmos
22	AOYAMA, Shuko	JPN	75 63
	HOZUMI, Eri	JPN	
23	Bye		<b>S. Hsieh</b>
			<b>J. Ostapenko 3</b>
24	<b>3</b> HSIEH, Su-Wei	TPE	
	OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT	
25	<b>6</b> CHAN, Hao-Ching	TPE	T. Mihalikova
	KUDERMETOVA, Veronika		O. Nicholls
26	MIHALIKOVA, Tereza	SVK	64 62
	NICHOLLS, Olivia	GBR	
27	<b>WC</b> JIANG, Xinyu	CHN	Y. Xu
	WU, Fang-Hsien	TPE	Z. Yang
28	XU, Yifan	CHN	60 60
	YANG, Zhaoxuan	CHN	
29	NOSKOVA, Linda	CZE	L. Noskova
	PUTINTSEVA, Yulia	KAZ	Y. Putintseva
30	WANG, Xinyu	CHN	63 64
	ZHENG, Saisai	CHN	
31	Bye		<b>G. Dabrowski</b>
			<b>E. Routliffe 2</b>
32	<b>2</b> DABROWSKI, Gabriela	CAN	
	ROUTLIFFE, Erin	NZL	



# ORDER OF PLAY

	CENTRE COURT	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3
	STARTING AT 11:00 AM	STARTING AT 11:00 AM	STARTING AT 11:00 AM	STARTING AT 11:00 AM
<b>1</b>	R32 [Q] Eva Lys GER VS [4] Jasmine Paolini ITA	R32 [6] Elena Rybakina KAZ VS [Q] Moyuka Uchijima JPN	R32 [11] Diana Shnaider VS Linda Noskova CZE	R32 Elise Mertens BEL VS [9] Paula Badosa ESP
	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY
<b>2</b>	R32 Victoria Azarenka VS [2] Iga Swiatek POL	R32 Liudmila Samsonova VS [5] Jessica Pegula USA	R32 Anastasia Potapova VS Dayana Yastremska UKR	R32 [WC] Sofia Kenin USA VS Marta Kostyuk UKR
	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	AFTER SUITABLE REST NB 1:00PM	AFTER SUITABLE REST NB 1:00PM
<b>3</b>	R32 [3] Coco Gauff USA VS McCartney Kessler USA	R32 Clara Tauson DEN VS Elina Svitolina UKR	R16 Linda Noskova CZE Yulia Putintseva KAZ VS [2] Gabriela Dabrowski CAN Erin Routliffe NZL	R16 [4] Sara Errani ITA Jasmine Paolini ITA VS Alexandra Panova Fanny Stollar HUN
		FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY	FOLLOWED BY
<b>4</b>		R32 [WC] Emma Raducanu GBR VS [14] Karolina Muchova CZE	R32 [WC] Sorana Cirstea ROU VS [Q] Alycia Parks USA	R32 Marketa Vondrousova CZE VS [12] Mirra Andreeva
	NOT BEFORE 6:30 PM	FOLLOWED BY	AFTER SUITABLE REST	FOLLOWED BY
<b>5</b>	R32 [7] Qinwen Zheng CHN VS Peyton Stearns USA	R32 Belinda Bencic SUI VS [8] Emma Navarro USA	R16 McCartney Kessler USA Clara Tauson DEN VS Kristina Mladenovic FRA Shuai Zhang CHN	R16 Tereza Mihalikova SVK Olivia Nicholls GBR VS Yifan Xu CHN Zhaoxuan Yang CHN
	FOLLOWED BY			
<b>6</b>	R32 [1] Aryna Sabalenka VS [Q] Veronika Kudermetova			

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

Justine Henin  
Dubai Duty Free Tennis Stadium  
Roger Federer  
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