

THE

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BASELINE



SWEET SIXTEEN

Today's Round of 16 features eight of the World's Top 10

A NIGHT OF TENNIS AND GLAMOUR

The biggest names in women’s tennis came together on Monday for a night of glamour and celebration at the WTA Players’ Party on the sidelines of the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships.

World No2 Iga Swiatek – who jokingly threatened to “go wild” – and World No3 Coco Gauff – who collected fun content for her TikTok – were among the high-profile guests in attendance. Meanwhile 2021 US Open champion Emma Raducanu enjoyed her first experience of the annual glitzy gala.

Reigning champion Jasmine Paolini shyly posed for photos, while World No5 Jessica Pegula and Olympic Gold medallist Qinwen Zheng mingled with dignitaries, organisers, and representatives from sponsors and partners.

The Arabian-chic themed party featured an assortment of live entertainment, dancers, and performers, including Hamza the Magician, the Baseline Band – complete with some of the emirate’s best musicians – and Fusion Al Arab, a unique arrangement that involves a crossover of classical Arabic with a modern twist.



EMIRATES JUNIOR TENNIS CLINIC SERVES UP SMILES

A dozen Under-10s took part in a series of memorable rallies with a trio of Grand Slam champions on Tuesday morning at the Emirates Junior Tennis Clinic, organised by the UAE Tennis Federation on the sidelines of the ongoing Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships.

Designed to give youngsters a taster of the sport, the clinic called upon No1 doubles seed Taylor Townsend, fellow American Bethanie Mattek-Sands, and Brazil’s Olympic bronze medallist Luisa Stefani. In what was an exciting morning of tennis drills, helpful tips, and happy high-fives, the UAE-based beginners revelled in the rare opportunity.

Doubles World No3 Townsend said: “This kind of initiative is always fun... It gives us perspective to see how many kids and people enjoy the sport and to be able to engage in an activity that makes an impact on budding players is always great.”

WHAT'S ON TODAY

- Children of Determination from across the UAE will attend a dedicated clinic this morning.
- Check out the Tennis Village for fun things for the whole family.
- Claim some great prizes at today’s Catch & Win on Centre Court at 6:15 PM.



DDFTC TRIVIA

1. Who won the inaugural Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships men’s singles title in 1993? Karel Nováček, Fabrice Santoro or Daniil Medvedev?
2. In what year did the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships become a combined ATP and WTA event? 2001, 2005 or 2009?
3. Which of the following women’s tennis players made her debut at the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships as a wildcard entry? Simona Halep, Coco Gauff or Ons Jabeur?
4. What is the term for a score of zero in tennis? Love, Ace or Let?





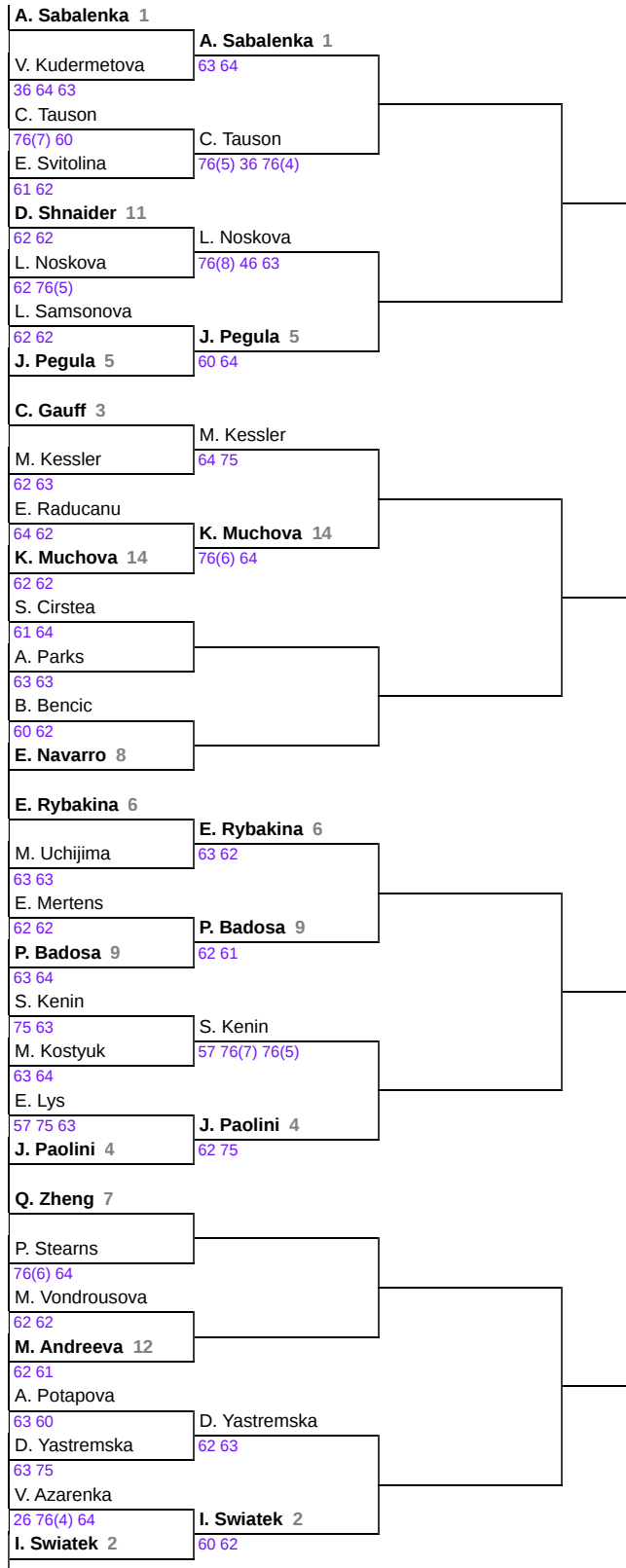
DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dubai, UAE | February 16 – March 1, 2025



SINGLES MAIN DRAW

DOUBLES MAIN DRAW



1	1 SINIAKOVA, Katerina	CZE	K. Siniakova
	TOWNSEND, Taylor	USA	T. Townsend 1
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 WC	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	5 MERTENS, Elise	BEL	63 16 13-11
	PEREZ, Ellen	AUS	
9	4 ERRANI, Sara	ITA	S. Errani
	PAOLINI, Jasmine	ITA	J. Paolini 4
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	7 KENIN, Sofia	USA	61 62
	KICHENOK, Lyudmyla	UKR	
17	8 DANILINA, Anna	KAZ	A. Danilina
	KHROMACHEVA, Irina		I. Khromacheva 8
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		S. Hsieh
			J. Ostapenko 3
24	3 HSIEH, Su-Wei	TPE	
	OSTAPENKO, Jelena	LAT	
25	6 CHAN, Hao-Ching	TPE	T. Mihalikova
	KUDERMETOVA, Veronika		O. Nicholls
26	MIHALIKOVA, Tereza	SVK	64 62
	NICHOLLS, Olivia	GBR	
27 WC	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		G. Dabrowski
			E. Routliffe 2
32	2 DABROWSKI, Gabriela	CAN	
	ROUTLIFFE, Erin	NZL	



ORDER OF PLAY

CENTER COURT	COURT 1	COURT 2	COURT 3
<i>Starting at 11:00 AM</i>	<i>Starting at 11:00 AM</i>	<i>Starting at 11:00 AM</i>	<i>Starting at 11:00 AM</i>
R32	R32	R32	R32
[7] Qinwen Zheng ^{CHN} vs Peyton Stearns ^{USA}	Belinda Bencic ^{SUI} vs [8] Emma Navarro ^{USA}	[WC] Sorana Cirstea ^{ROU} vs [Q] Alycia Parks ^{USA}	Marketa Vondrousova ^{CZE} vs [12] Mirra Andreeva
<i>Not before 1:00 PM</i>	<i>Followed by</i>	<i>Not before 1:00 PM</i>	<i>Not before 1:00 PM</i>
R16	R16	R16	R16
Dayana Yastremska ^{UKR} vs [2] Iga Swiatek ^{POL}	[6] Elena Rybakina ^{KAZ} vs [9] Paula Badosa ^{ESP}	Linda Noskova ^{CZE} vs [5] Jessica Pegula ^{USA}	[WC] Sofia Kenin ^{USA} vs [4] Jasmine Paolini ^{ITA}
<i>After suitable rest</i>	<i>Followed by</i>	<i>Followed by</i>	<i>Followed by</i>
R16	R16	R16	R16
Q. Zheng ^{OR} P. Stearns vs M. Vondrousova ^{OR} M. Andreeva	Desirae Krawczyk ^{USA} Giuliana Olmos ^{MEX} vs [3] Su-Wei Hsieh ^{TPE} Jelena Ostapenko ^{LAT}	[8] Anna Danilina ^{KAZ} Irina Khromacheva vs Bethanie Mattek-Sands ^{USA} Luisa Stefani ^{BRA}	Tereza Mihalikova ^{SVK} Olivia Nicholls ^{GBR} vs Yifan Xu ^{CHN} Zhaoxuan Yang ^{CHN}
	<i>Not before 5:30 PM</i>	<i>After suitable rest</i>	<i>After suitable rest</i>
	R16	R16	R16
	McCartney Kessler ^{USA} vs [14] Karolina Muchova ^{CZE}	Linda Noskova ^{CZE} Yulia Putintseva ^{KAZ} vs [2] Gabriela Dabrowski ^{CAN} Erin Routliffe ^{NZL}	[4] Sara Errani ^{ITA} Jasmine Paolini ^{ITA} vs Alexandra Panova Fanny Stollar ^{HUN}
<i>Not before 6:30 PM</i>		<i>Followed by</i>	<i>After Suitable Rest - If Needed</i>
R16		R16	R16
[1] Aryna Sabalenka vs Clara Tauson ^{DEN}		Beatriz Haddad Maia ^{BRA} Laura Siegemund ^{GER} vs Asia Muhammad ^{USA} Demi Schuurs ^{NED}	[1] Katerina Siniakova ^{CZE} Taylor Townsend ^{USA} vs Peyton Stearns ^{USA} Lulu Sun ^{NZL}
<i>Followed by</i>	<i>After suitable rest</i>		
R16	R16		
S. Cirstea ^{OR} A. Parks vs B. Bencic ^{OR} E. Navarro	McCartney Kessler ^{USA} Clara Tauson ^{DEN} vs Kristina Mladenovic ^{FRA} Shuai Zhang ^{CHN}		

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Karel Nováček
2. 2001
3. Coco Gauff
4. Love

