



DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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THE ROAD TO THE FINAL!

Top seed Novak Djokovic and second seed Stefanos Tsitsipas kept on course for a showdown in Saturday's final. Djokovic took just 59 minutes to defeat Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-3 6-1 to reach the quarter-finals, and Tsitsipas beat Alexander Bublik 7-6 (1) 6-4.

There were wins too for third seed Gael Monfils who ended the run of qualifier Yasutaka Uchiyama 6-1 6-2, and sixth seed Andrey Rublev who survived a set point on the way to a 7-6 (3) 6-0 win over Filip Krajinovic. Seventh seed Karen Khachanov defeated qualifier Dennis Novak 6-3 6-4, but number eight seed Benoit Paire was beaten 6-4 6-4 by Richard Gasquet in an all-French clash.

Jan-Lennard Struff took just 39 minutes to overwhelm Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-1 6-0 and Daniel Evans saved three match points in the deciding set tie-break of a 7-5, 3-6, 7-6(7) victory over Pierre-Hugues Herbert of France in two hours and 47 minutes.

LAST 8! WHO WILL MAKE IT THROUGH?



Andrey Rublev

Daniel Evans



Jan-Lennard Struff

Stefanos Tsitsipas



Novak Djokovic

Karen Khachanov



Gael Monfils

Richard Gasquet

ATP PLAYERS' PARTY



Some of the world's top tennis stars stepped out in style for the prestigious ATP Players' Party on Tuesday at the 28th Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships. Novak Djokovic, Stefanos Tsitsipas, Karen Khachanov and other ATP players enjoyed some time off the courts and mingled with Dubai Duty Free dignitaries and tournament sponsors. There was plenty of entertainment on offer which included James Harrington and Marina Argviani from Mind2Mind, X Factor finalist Ivy Grace and Graciela the belly-dancer followed by the Big Idea Band!

LEANDER PAES TEACHES TENNIS AT THE DUBAI DUTY FREE CHILDREN OF DETERMINATION CLINIC



Over 150 children participated in an exciting morning on the tennis courts yesterday for the Dubai Duty Free Children of Determination Clinic. Children from Dubai Autism Center, Dubai Center for Special Needs, Al Noor Training Centre, Manzil Centre and Rashid Center enjoyed tennis lessons and received a very special visit from Leander Paes - who is competing here for his 20th year, as well as ATP players Edouard Roger-Vasselin, Raven Klaasen and Oliver Marach.



Leander Paes said:

“ Being my last year in Dubai, it's a privilege to be included and personally being able to give back to these children of determination via such engagements. Opportunities to bring a little cheer to their lives is something most of us pros truly enjoy partaking in. Their enthusiasm is infectious and seeing them smile is genuinely uplifting. Well done to the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships team for always championing community responsibly. ”

MAIN DRAW SINGLES



MAIN DRAW DOUBLES



ORDER OF PLAY

CENTRE COURT	COURT 1
Matches Start At: 3:00 pm	Matches Start At: 3:30 pm
Andrey RUBLEV (RUS) [5] vs Daniel EVANS (GBR)	Wesley KOOLHOF (NED) Nikola PEKIĆ (CRO) vs Raven KLAASEN (RSA) Oliver MARACH (AUT) [4]
Followed by	Followed by
Jan-Lennard STRUFF (GER) vs Stefanos TSITSIPAS (GRE) [2]	Kevin KRAWIETZ (GER) Andreas MIES (GER) [3] vs Jurgen MELZER (AUT) Edouard ROGER-VASELIN (FRA)
	Followed by
	After Sultan's Hall [Q] Henri KONTINEN (FIN) Jan-Lennard STRUFF (GER) vs [WC] Matthew EBDEN (AUS) Leander PAES (IND)
Not Before 7:00 pm	
Novak DJOKOVIĆ (SRB) [1] vs Karen KHACHANOV (RUS) [7]	
Followed by	
Gael MONFILS (FRA) [3] vs Richard GASQUET (FRA)	

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