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DIRIYAH TENNIS CUP® GAME, SET, DIRIYAH #1 | DECEMBER 8, 2022



This will be an unforgettable day of tennis! The Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco returns to Saudi Arabia with an array of global stars from the men's game gearing up to kick start their 2023 season in the unique atmosphere of the Diriyah Arena, next to UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Marc Maury and Yara Al Hagbani, winner of the Saudi Games.

Five of the world's top-10 players are in action from Thursday through Saturday for the Kingdom's second ever professional tennis tournament – following the inaugural 2019 edition. Twelve star players will all be on show with the event set to be broadcast in over 150 countries around the globe.



All eyes are on **Alexander Zverev**, who makes his eagerly awaited comeback from injury and is relishing a chance to share a court with the world's best yet again after seven months off. The 25-year-old Olympic champion snapped multiple ligaments in the French Open semi-final against Rafael Nadal back in June. In his comeback match he will face his good friend Dominic Thiem from Austria.

Zverev said: "It's going to be nice to be on court with Dominic again, I'm looking forward to just being out there and be surrounded by the best players in the world, I've missed that over the last seven months so let's see how it goes. It will be a high-level tournament and I think everybody is in form because they're still either coming from Davis Cup or they just came from the ATP Finals and playing great tennis."



Either Alexander Zverev or Dominic Thiem will face **Daniil Medvedev** later in the evening for one of four mouthwatering quarter-finals (not before 4:00 pm). "The most difficult is, that all players are so good. I'll have either Sascha or Dominic. Dominic is a Grand Slam champion, we had a tough match in Vienna. Regarding Sascha I don't know what to expect. He is a top player, but he was out for some time. It's going to be his comeback and you'll never know what to expect. But I'm looking forward to it", Medvedev mentioned after the draw in the Diriyah Sports Village, where falcons were the main attraction of the show.

Aside the US Open champion from 2021 also "The Great Greek" Stefanos Tsitsipas, crowd favourite and Wimbledon finalist Nick Kyrgios, Italian Matteo Berrettini and more stars will be on court – a faabulous line up!

Enjoy your day at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco!



PLAYERS NIGHT A FANTASTIC START



This was the first major highlight of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco!

At the big "Players Night" in the Aseel Resort, the stars of the tournament around defending champion Daniil Medvedev and German Olympic champion Alexander Zverev experienced a relaxed evening together with their families, friends and team members. They enjoyed local specialties and the historic and majestic atmosphere of the Aseel Resort.

Stan Wawrinka resumed: "It's an amazing place. The first edition was a great experience, and I am really happy to be here again."





SIGHTSEEING BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT STARTS

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Before this lovey evening, Matteo Berrettini (Italy), Dominic Thiem from Austria and Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov went on a sightseeing tour in the afternoon. Not far from the Diriyah Arena, they explored Al-Turaif and followed in the footsteps of the Saudi royal dynasty.

Grigor Dimitrov: "I am really enjoying it. Hopefully we have more time and we can see a little bit more. I love the colours and the light – the atmosphere is quite amazing."

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NALS THINK

"As a – hopefully – role model female coach I like to go out and share all the content I have created in many years. I am so passionate about getting more women and girls involved, so this is a lovely opportunity for me to come to Riyadh to do that."

Judy Murray





ΡΗΟΤΟ SHOOT

That was an exclusive photo shoot! German Alexander Zverev was on tour before the tournament even starts.

Have a look!



WATCH LIVE ON TV



Watch the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco live on TV!





Tennis fans can enjoy Warner Bros. Discovery Sports' coverage of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco on Eurosport's television channels in 50 markets in Europe as well as across the Asia-Pacific region.

Click here and you'll find all regions in which the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco will be broadcasted.

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