



# THE GREAT FINAL

## Fritz vs. Medvedev

Today is the day! Is Daniil Medvedev able to defend his title at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco? Or will Taylor Fritz celebrate a big victory in the kingdom? This will be decided in the great final at 8 pm in the Diriyah Arena! Before the first professional doubles champions in Saudi-Arabia will be crowned and the best Saudi Tennis players feature in an exciting exhibition.



**Taylor Fritz**

Medvedev maintained his record in Saudi Arabia with a 6:4, 6:4 over three-time Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka and is really looking forward to his second final in Diriyah. Three years ago he defeated Fabio Fognini in straight sets. “When I go on court, I always think only about winning. And that’s how it is going to be in the final also. And that’s what I’m going to try to do, and we’ll see. I hope to show some good tennis when I go on court,” he said in a post match press conference, in front of 30 children, who were special guests from the Dhahran Junior Tennis Association.



**Daniil Medvedev**

In the second semi-final between Taylor Fritz and Cameron Norrie it was an even closer and thrilling encounter, which went down to the third and final set. There the American found an edge on big points to book his place in the final.

On playing Medvedev in the final, the Indian Wells champion and NITTO ATP Finals participant said: “With playing Daniil, it’s really tough. I haven’t really thought about it much. I’m just going to do the same thing that I’ve been doing since I’ve been here. Get a good night’s sleep. Maybe take a nap tomorrow; I’m still dealing with a little bit of jetlag. And hopefully, serve really well like I did in the last two days.”



**Stan Wawrinka**

When the final starts he will be in his best shape, to show a great performance and maybe to celebrate his first victory over Medvedev ever. No matter who wins this final – it will be a historic day for tennis in Saudi Arabia!

Enjoy the incredible atmosphere in the Diriyah Arena to celebrate the finals day of an amazing Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco 2022!



FRITZ VS. NORRIE

# MATCH HIGHLIGHTS







**Dominic Stricker & Hubert Hurkacz**

## DOUBLES

# “DOUBLE TROUBLE” ON FINALS DAY

It’s the first highlight on finals day at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco! At 4:00 pm Matteo Berrettini (Italy) and Andrey Rublev (Russia) – call them “Rubletti-ni” – will meet Dominic Stricker (Switzerland) and Hubert Hurkacz (Poland) - “Strikacz”- in the final of the first professional doubles competition in Saudi Arabia. Berrettini/Rublev won in semis against Alexander Zverev and Dominic Thiem, while Stricker/Hurkacz defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas and Nick Kyrgios. Who will take the “doubles crown” and the prize money of 250.000 US-Dollar for each player?



**Andrey Rublev & Matteo Berrettini**



# MATCH OF THE DAY

HEAD-TO-HEAD

1:0



## DANIIL MEDVEDEV

**ATP-Ranking:**  
7

**Born:**  
February 11, 1996  
(26 years)

**Place of birth:**  
Moscow, Russia

**Biggest career  
achievements:**

- Spent 16 weeks as World No. 1
- US Open champion (2021)
- Nitto ATP Finals champion (2020)
- Four ATP Masters 1000 Titles

## TAYLOR FRITZ

**ATP-Ranking:**  
9

**Born:**  
October 28, 1997  
(25 years)

**Place of Birth:**  
Rancho Santa Fe, CA, USA

**Biggest career  
achievements:**

- One Masters 1000 title
- Career-high in October 2022

SPECIAL MATCH

# EXHIBITION WITH SAUDI TENNIS STARS



This is the big stage for Saudi Arabian tennis players! During the exhibition at finals day of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco, the best tennis players of the kingdom will show of what they are capable of. The sibblings Saud Alhogbani, Ammar Alhogbani und Yara Alhogbani, the first professional female tennis player, will show up together with Lara Bukhani.

Beside the winners and finalists of the Saudi Games also tennis pros, tennis trick shot star Stefan Bojic and more stars will take part in.

And this is how it works:

## FORMAT – doubles

2 Sets with no-add & match tie-break

### Team GREEN

- Barbara SCHETT
- 1) Ammar ALHOGBANI
- 2) Yara ALHOGBANI
- 3) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- 4) Michael Mmoh
- 5) Spaaiki (Influencer)

### Team WHITE

- Mats WILANDER
- 1) Saud ALHOGBANI
- 2) Lara BUKHARI
- 3) Grigor DIMITROV
- 4) Stefan BOJIC
- 5) Abdullah (Influencer)



PLAYER

# QUOTES OF ALEXANDER ZVEREV



## ABOUT HIS COMEBACK:

„If you haven't played in seven months, even if you're healthy, you need time to play. You need time to play matches against these kind of players. As long as I am healthy, as long as my foot is ok, I'm confident enough to think that I will get my level back. But of course, it's a question of time. I would rather have it back sooner than later. But for now, I'm happy to be pain-free.”

## ABOUT DOMINIC THIEM:

„We've played before at ATP events, and we've played in Rome. It's always fun to be sharing the court. It's different being on a singles court. We've played a lot of singles matches so it's nice to share the court for doubles for a change.”



## ABOUT THE SAUDI FANS:

„It's quite rare for them to see the top players live. So, I think they enjoy it. It is something special for them. Maybe in the future, there will be other events here so the fans can see the top players live a bit more. I think they are excited and they are having fun, which is the most important thing.”

## ABOUT HIS STAY IN DIRIYAH:

„It's quite a historic country and there's a lot of things to see. Of course we haven't seen a lot. But the things that I have seen were quite fascinating and special. So in general, it was a good trip. It was a very positive trip for me as well.”



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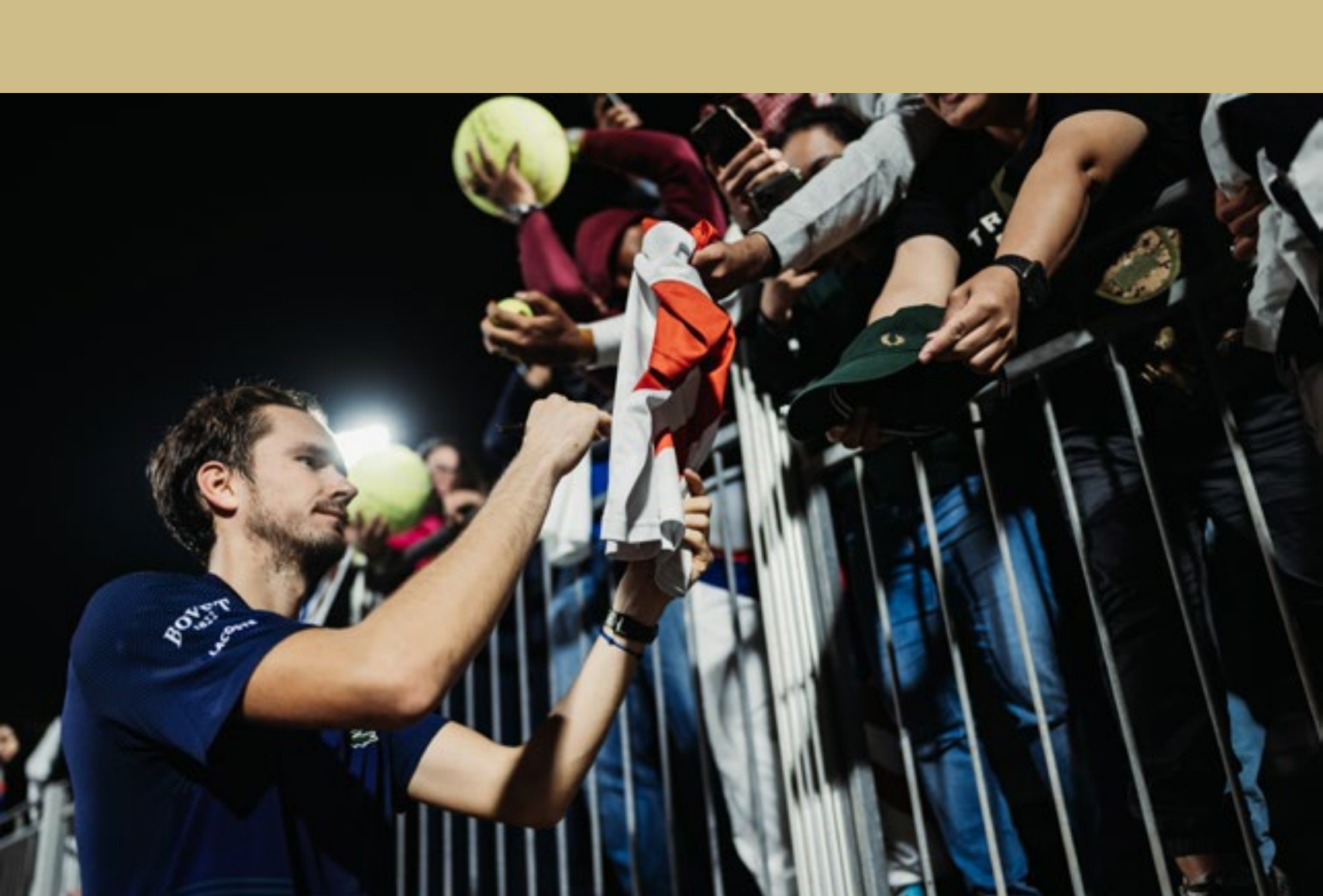
# NEXT TO THE COURT



**Dominic Thiem, Alexander Zverev, Matteo Berrettini and Andrey Rublev with children of the Aramco kids camp.**



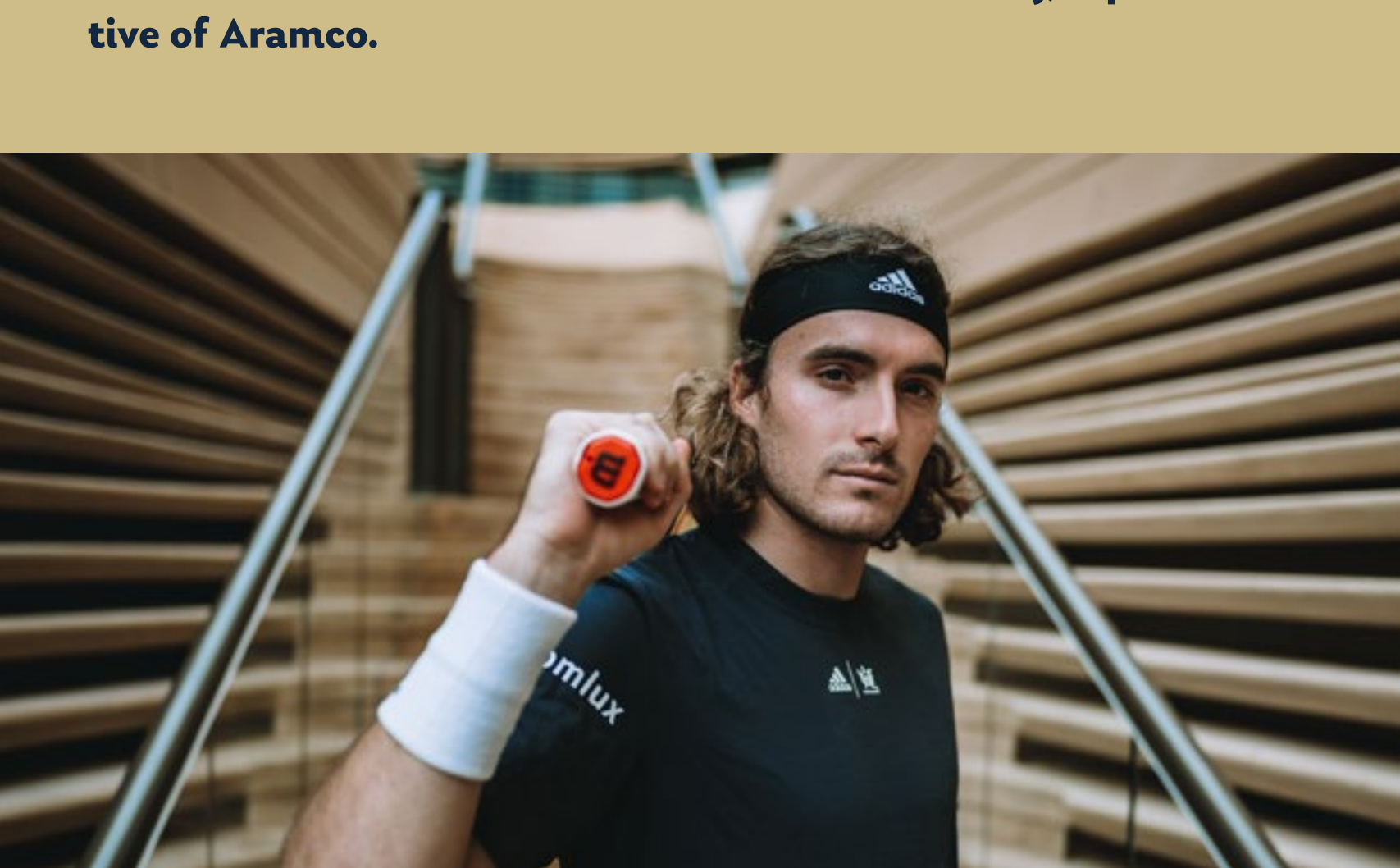
**Dominic Thiem and Alexander Zverev with a fan.**



**Daniil Medvedev signing autographs.**



**Coin toss before the match between Daniil Medvedev and Stan Wawrinka with Abdullah Mohammed Alfaraj, representative of Aramco.**



**Photo shooting with Stefanos Tsitsipas!**



**That was special! At the Family Tennis Camp Judy Murray and her team taught children and parents at the mini courts.**





# TRICK SHOTS

This guy is really amazing! Stefan Bojic calls himself a “Freestyle tennis pioneer”. What can he do with his racket and a ball? Just have a look!





VISIT

# „MAGPIES“ IN DIRIYAH ARENA

One day after their 5:0-victory at the Diriyah Season Cup against Al Hilal the players of Premier League Newcastle United visited the Diriyah Arena to enjoy some tennis. Take a closer to the “Magpies”.





# THOMAS JOHANSSON

“We want to see more women in every sport, not only in tennis. I think these clinics during the Diriyah Tennis are a really good start. Sport is very important for the kids, not only to be good, but also to stimulate the brain.”

“In a few years we’ll have a some good girls coming up on the tennis tour from this country. This would be a great step forward.”



# MATS WILANDER

“The people here are very into sports. To try out playing tennis with the women here was wonderful. Judy Murray put together a wonderful program. It’s important to bring the sport to the women of Saudi Arabia, and to people in general. Everybody has a chance to try out in sports, to see how it feels for them.”

Thomas Johansson and Mats Wilander are two former world class players from Sweden and took part in a lot of training sessions with kids during the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco.





SEVERIN LÜTHI

# ARAMCO KIDS TENNIS CAMP

Severin Lüthi, former coach of Roger Federer, showed some skills at the Aramco kids tennis camp. Afterwards, the children were allowed to look behind the scenes on a backstage tour and they had the chance to attend a press conference with Daniil Medvedev after his semi-final win. What a memorable day for all of them!







VISIT

**VILLAGE TOUR WITH AMMAR,  
YARA & SAUD ALHOGBANI**



# WATCH LIVE ON TV



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

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