



READY FOR THE SEMIS

Who will reach the final in singles AND doubles at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco? We have a great lineup for the semifinals day in Diriyah Arena which will feature doubles tennis at professional level in Saudi Arabia for the first time.



Stan Wawrinka

It was a spectacular start Thursday with eight fantastic matches and excellent performances, for example from defending champion Daniil Medvedev. He is still undefeated in Saudi Arabia after his 6:0, 6:4-win over Alexander Zverev, who gave his comeback after an long injury break. Yet there was a shock moment for Medvedev and the crowd at the end of the first set, when the world's former No 1 looked as if he suffered a sever injury: "It hurt big time, but it was not so bad in the end. I was sliding unintentionally. My knee hit my calf, felt like a foul in football. It was painful to walk, but funnily I was much better to run. I love the crowd and how they cheered for me and now I look forward to tomorrow. We still have some weeks before the Australian Open to prepare more but I'm here and I want to win", Medvedev said. He will meet Stan Wawrinka in a contest between two players who visited Saudi Arabia also in 2019. Wawrinka celebrated two victories against Matteo Berrettini and Andrey Rublev on day one. "For my age, I am not playing too bad. I have been working hard and putting good tennis on the court. Hope that will also be the case in the semis", said the 37-year-old from Switzerland.

Cameron Norrie



Not before 8:00 pm Great Britains number one Cameron Norrie will go against Indian Wells champion Taylor Fritz for a birth in the final of the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. Norrie had the upper hand in his first two matches with Nick Kyrgios and Stefanos Tsitsipas. He really enjoyed the buoyant crowd under the Diriyah Arena lights: "The fans really helped me through it," said Norrie. "Playing in a stadium like this also helps a great deal in my preparation for the season. It has been a very good day and the crowd really got into it. We're trying to inspire some of the younger Saudi players and I saw some kids and that's the reason I'm playing here to inspire a new generation.



Dominic Thiem and Alexander Zverev

In the first doubles semifinal good friends Alexander Zverev and Dominic Thiem will team up against Matteo Berrettini and Andrey Rublev and present the fascination of doubles tennis. The second doubles match of the day will feature the extraordinary pairing of Nick Kyrgios and Stefanos Tsitsipas in their match against Dominic Stricker (Switzerland) and Hubert Hurkacz – let the show begin!

"I look forward to doubles, even though I lost in the first round. I will have fun and it will be great to play with Tsitsipas", Kyrgios mentioned. At the beginning of 2022 he won the doubles title at the Australian Open. Today he will inspire the tennis fans in Saudi Arabia! You should be prepared for an amazing show on Center Court!

WAWRINKA VS. RUBLEV

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS



MATCH OF THE DAY

HEAD-TO-HEAD

2:2



STAN WAWRINKA

Nickname:

„Stan the Man“

ATP-Ranking:

153

Born:

March 28, 1985
(37 years)

Place of Birth:

Lausanne, Switzerland

**Biggest career
achievements:**

- Three times Grand Slam Champion (Australian Open 2014, French Open 2015, US Open 2016)
- Former world number 3
- 16 singles career titles

DANIIL MEDVEDEV

Nickname:

„Bear“

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

SIDE EVENT

SERIES OF TRY-OUTS WITH JUDY MURRAY



During the last days Judy Murray introduced women, teachers and children in different try-outs. It was a pleasure and it evoked a lot of excitement!

„The teachers want to be able to develop tennis in school and sometimes they think if they haven't got tennis courts they aren't able to do it. But we set up lots of exercises that develop skills you need to be able to play tennis.”

Judy Murray



“They love it! You can see they want to run around, they want to use their rackets and a tennis ball. It's been a lot of fun being here and just seeing also how keen they are to get their foot into the doorsteps of tennis.”

Barbara Schett



PLAYER

QUOTES OF NICK KYRGIOS



„I love it here, the food is amazing and the people are so hospitable. I think more sports should be played here and the people are amazing. I look forward to doubles, even though I lost today, I will have fun.”

“Saudi Arabia is exciting. We enjoy this place and the culture. They are really friendly. It’s been incredible. One of my favorite destinations I’ve ever been to. I feel like sport in general should welcome more here. The facilities are awesome.”

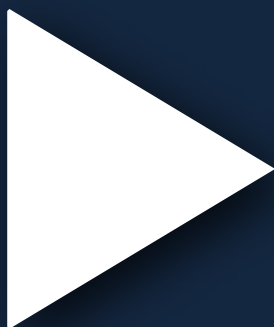
“I’m good for the game, because I feel like I’m a lot different to a normal tennis player. My game style is a lot different from many tennis player. I don’t have a coach. I bring a whole different fanbase to the game. I give a different aspect, of what tennis can be.”



IMPORTANT ROLE

OUR BALLKIDS ARE READY!

They are also in the spotlight of the Diriyah Tennis Cup 2022 presented by Aramco! Our ballkids do an excellent job on center court. Check out, how they prepared for their big entrance.



INTRODUCING

NEXTGEN-STAR

DOMINIC STRICKER



He is one of the experts at the Diriyah Tennis Cup presented by Aramco. Severin Lüthi from Switzerland, the former coach of Roger Federer, attends a special kids tennis clinic during the exhibition tournament. He talked with us about...

... SAUDI ARABIA

“It is very nice here. Unfortunately, when you are at a tennis tournament, you don’t see as much of the country as you want to see. I have been to a lot of countries and sometimes it would be great to spend more time there. The people are very friendly here and I have positive impressions so far.”

... AND THE SWISS PLAYER DOMINIC STRICKER

“Dominic knows that things are possible for Swiss players. He get advice from me, he get advice from Roger. What he makes out of it is another question: you can feel some pressure because Roger and Stan won Grand Slam tournament but you also can see it as an inspiration. I think it’s a motivation for him being close to them.”

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