



19th February – 03 March 2018.

The **Dubai Tennis Championships** is a professional tennis tournament organized by Dubai Duty Free in Dubai, UAE. It is an annually held championship for both Men and Women on outdoor hard courts. The Championship made its debut in 1993 at the Aviation Club as “**The Dubai Men’s Open**”. In 2001 the championship was open to both Men and Women players and since then it has continued to go from strength to strength.

MEN - \$ 3,057,135 prize money event was held from **26 February – 03 March 2018**. Out of a total of 32 nations, players from **5 Asian countries – IND, JPN, KAZ, PAK & UZB** participated in the singles and doubles main draw.

Roberto Bautista Agut [ESP] captured the **singles title** by beating second seeded Lucas Pouille 6-3 6-4, while in the **doubles**, defending champions Jean-Julien Rojer and Horia Tecau [NED/ROU] beats **Jamie Cerretani [USA] and two-time former champion Leander Paes [IND]**.



Paes won the Dubai Tennis Championships title in 1998 and 2003 and also finished as runner-up in 2004 and 2010. This year he was playing for his 97th ATP World Tour final.

A Qureshi/M. Matkoski [PAK/POL] beat D. Sharan/Y. Sugita [IND/JPN] to reach the QF stage where they lost to the ultimate winners J. Rojer/H. Tecau 6-4, 6-4.

WOMEN - Tier II event with prize money of US\$2,623,485 was held from **19-24 February 2018**. Players from 3 Asian nations (out of a total of 19 countries) – **CNH, JPN & TPE** participated in the championship.

Defending champion Ellina Svitolina [UKR] captured her 11th career crown by beating Daria Kasatkina [RUS] 6-4, 6-0 in the **singles event**. Svitolina, world No.4 becomes the 3rd woman in the tournament’s history to win the back-to-back Dubai title. **Naomi Osaka [JPN] lost to E Svitolina in the QF stage 6-2, 6-4**.

Asian ladies dominated the doubles event.

Chinese-Taipei pair of Hao-Ching Chan and Zhaoxuan Yang won the doubles title. They beat 4th seed Su-Wei Hsieh/Shuai Peng 4-6, 6-2 (10/6).

The unseeded duo took one hour and 31 minutes to beat Australian Open semi-finalists and former world No 1 Hsieh Su-wei of Taiwan and Peng Shuai of China.

Japanese duo M. Kato/M Ninomiya & L. Chan (TPE) with her CZE partner reached the QF stage.

