



# **DRAW**

### DOHA, OATAR

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6:30 DRAW CEREMONY WELCOME

9 FEBRUARY 2024

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WELCOME TO THE DRAW CEREMONY FOR THE 2024 QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN.

#### JOINING US TONIGHT, PLEASE WELCOME TO THE STAGE:

- SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION, AND GENERAL COORDINATOR OF THE QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN, MR. TARIQ ZAINAL.
- DEPUTY VICE PRESIDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, COMMUNICATION, AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TOTAL ENERGIES QATAR MR. ABDULLA MOHSEN.
- QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, MR. SAAD AL MOHANNADI.
- QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION BOARD MEMBER, MR. KARIM ALAMI
- AND HERE TO CONDUCT TONIGHT'S DRAW CEREMONY SHE MADE HER QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN DEBUT 21-YEARS-AGO (IN 2003) -- WTA TOURNAMENT SUPERVISOR: MARTINA LUTKOVA.

#### PLAYER WELCOME

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AND WE'RE ALSO GRATEFUL TO HAVE FOUR STARS OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT WITH US THIS EVENING...

#### **LEYLAH FERNANDEZ (CAN)**

CURRENT RANKING:

38

AT THE 2021 US OPEN - AT JUST 19-YEARS-OLD - SHE CAPTIVATED FANS IN ARTHUR ASHE STADIUM AND ACROSS THE GLOBE - DEFEATING THREE TOP-5 TALENTS - IN AN INSPIRED RUN TO HER FIRST GRAND

SLAM FINAL. NOW, 2.5-YEARS LATER - SHE OWNS 3 SINGLES TITLES - IS A BILLIE JEAN KING CUP CHAMPION - AND LAST YEAR, REACHED HER FIRST GRAND SLAM DOUBLES FINAL AT ROLAND GARROS. FROM CANADA - PLEASE WELCOME LEYLAH FERNANDEZ.

#### ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA

CURRENT RANKING:

34

IN 2021, SHE REACHED HER FIRST GRAND SLAM FINAL AT ROLAND GARROS - CAPTURED "MIXED DOUBLES" GOLD AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN TOKYO - AND LED HER COUNTRY TO THE BILLIE JEAN KING CUP TITLE. IN

ALL, SHE OWNS 12 CAREER SINGLES TITLES, HAS BEEN RANKED AS HIGH AS WORLD #11 - AND THIS WEEK, COMPETES IN HER 6TH QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN. PLEASE WELCOME, **ANASTASIA**PAVLYUCHENKOVA.

#### **EMMA NAVARRO (USA)**

CURRENT RANKING:

23

AND IT IS QUICKLY BECOMING A BREAK-OUT SEASON FOR OUR NEXT SPECIAL GUEST - SHE STARTED THE YEAR WITH A SEMIFINAL RUN IN AUCKLAND - CAPTURED HER FIRST WTA SINGLES TITLE IN HOBART - AND

AT THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN, REACHED THE 3RD ROUND OF A MAJOR FOR THE FIRST TIME. MAKING HER DOHA DEBUT WITH A CAREER-HIGH RANKING OF WORLD #23 - FROM THE UNITED STATES, PLEASE WELCOME **EMMA NAVARRO**.

#### [14] EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA

CURRENT RANKING:

19

AND FINALLY, ANOTHER TOP-TALENT ENJOYING A TREMENDOUS START TO 2024. LAST MONTH, SHE DEFEATED WORLD #3 ELENA RYBAKINA TO REACH THE SEMIFINALS IN ADELAIDE - AND JUST 5-DAYS-AGO,

IN LINZ - REACHED HER 8TH CAREER SINGLES FINAL. ALSO A BILLIE JEAN KING CUP CHAMPION, SHE OWNS 4 WTA SINGLES TITLES AND HAS BEEN RANKED AS HIGH AS WORLD #16. JOINING US FOR HER 2ND DOHA DRAW CEREMONY - PLEASE WELCOME BACK **EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA**.



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SPONSOR GRATITUDE			
1	BEFORE WE BEGIN TONIGHT'S DRAW, WE'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS WHO MAKE THIS TOURNAMENT POSSIBLE:		
•	1 TOTAL ENERGIES EP QATAR	<b>&gt;</b>	7 QATAR DUTY FREE
•	2 OOREDOO	<b>&gt;</b>	8 QATAR AIRWAYS
•	3 QTERMINALS	<b>&gt;</b>	9 ALFARDAN PREMIER MOTORS
•	4 ROLEX	<b>&gt;</b>	10 RAYYAN MINERAL WATER CO.
•	5 51 EAST	<b>&gt;</b>	11 DUNLOP
•	6 FNAC QATAR	<b>&gt;</b>	12 NIKE

#### DRAW CEREMONY BEGINS

AND NOW – THE OFFICIAL DRAW FOR THE 2024 QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN. MARTINA LUTKOVA, IT'S ALL YOURS...

\*\* MARATINA LUTKOVA CONDUCTS THE DRAW CEREMONY

#### DRAW CEREMONY ENDS

- THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR TODAY'S DRAW CEREMONY.
- MAIN DRAW PLAY STARTS SUNDAY AT 3:30 AT THE KHALIFA INTERNATIONAL TENNIS & SQUASH COMPLEX.
- ► THE 2ND-ROUND OF QUALIFYING GETS UNDERWAY TOMORROW STARTING AT 13:00 (FREE ADMISSION)
- IN JUST A MOMENT, WE'LL LET YOU SPEAK ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE PLAYERS AND DIGNITARIES. BUT FIRST, IF WE COULD HAVE ALL OF OUR DRAW CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS GATHER AT THE CENTER OF THE STAGE FOR SOME GROUP PHOTOS.
- THEY'VE CERTAINLY BEEN GENEROUS WITH THEIR TIME WE NOW ENCOURAGE YOU TO SPEND A FEW MOMENTS INTERVIEWING OUR PLAYERS AND DIGNITARIES ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT.
- WE LOOK FORWARD TO A MEMORABLE 2024 QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR COVERAGE, AND ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR EVENING.