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8:00 PLAYER DINNER GALA INTRODUCTION

10 FEBRUARY 2024

OPEN

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO THE QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN AND THE FIRST WTA-1000 EVENT OF THE 2024 SEASON. TONIGHT'S PLAYER DINNER GALA.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE HIGHER ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION - MEMBERS OF TOTAL ENERGIES - OUR VIP GUESTS - SPONSORS - AND DIGNITARIES.

SET-UP VIDEO

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT EVENING WITH FANTASTIC FOOD, AMAZING COMPANY, AND FUN ENTERTAINMENT. IN FACT, I HEAR THAT BY THE END OF THE NIGHT, 4 OF YOU WILL BE LEAVING WITH A **BRAND NEW IPHONE 15** COURTESY OF THE QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION.

TO THE PLAYERS – THANK YOU FOR MAKING TIME TO BE WITH US TONIGHT. WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE SO MANY RETURNING CHAMPIONS WITH US THIS YEAR (IN BOTH SINGLES AND DOUBLES).

BUT WE ALSO HAVE SOME NEW FACES AND TEAMS MAKING THEIR DOHA DEBUT. SO, TO GIVE YOU A TASTE OF WHAT TO EXPECT - LET'S TAKE A LOOK BACK AT LAST YEAR'S QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN.

8:02

** 2023 QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN RECAP VIDEO

8:05 DINNER TO BE SERVED



AGAIN, WE'RE EXCITED YOU'RE HERE – AND LOOK FORWARD TO AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEK HERE IN DOHA.

DINNER WILL BE SERVED IN JUST FEW MOMENTS – AND WE HAVE SOME MIND-BLOWING ENTERTAINMENT LINED-UP FOR YOU, INCLUDING OUR FRIEND OVER HERE...

ENJOY THE EVENING - AND PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR **OQUIEL!**



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ENTERTAINMENT | PLAYER DINNER GALA

8:15 **SET-1 | KIM SANGSOON - INTROS A HIGHLIGHT VIDEO** **5-MINUTES**

INTRO

WE'D LIKE TO BEGIN TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT WITH A PERFORMER WHO FIRST CAPTURED THE GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT WHEN HE EARNED THE PRESTIGIOUS "ORIGINAL STAGE ACT AWARD" AT THE F.I.S.M. - A RENOWNED MAGICAL EVENT THAT TAKES PLACE EVERY THREE YEARS. SINCE THEN, HE'S TOURED NEARLY EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD, CAPTIVATING AUDIENCES WITH HIS SPELLBINDING PERFORMANCES. AMERICA'S GOT TALENT'S SIMON COWELL ONCE SAID ABOUT HIM: "YOU'RE INTERESTING, ORIGINAL, FUNNY - EVERYTHING WE WANT ON THIS SHOW. YOU'RE BRILLIANT." FROM SOUTH KOREA - PLEASE WELCOME, SANGSOON KIM.

8:30 **SET-2 | HAND BALANCE AND FORCE SHOW - INTROS A HIGHLIGHT VIDEO** **7-MINUTES**

INTRO

HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING THE EVENING SO FAR. WE HAVE ANOTHER INCREDIBLE PERFORMER FOR YOU TONIGHT - WHO, LIKE MANY OF YOU IN THIS ROOM, TRAINS RIGOROUSLY EVERY DAY TO STRENGTHEN HIS BODY, MIND AND SOUL. A MULTI-TALENTED, 4TH-GENERATION ACROBAT - HE'S SPENT HIS LIFE MASTERING THE ART OF UNICYCLING, JUGGLING, FIRE-EATING, WASHINGTON TRAPEZE, STILT WALKING, AND MORE. FROM PARIS, FRANCE - PREPARE TO BE BLOWN AWAY BY THE COORDINATION AND STRENGTH - OF WILLY WELDENS.

8:50 **SET-3 | KEIICHI IWASAKI - INTROS A HIGHLIGHT VIDEO** **6-MINUTES**

INTRO

AND NOW, LET'S WELCOME TONIGHT'S FINAL PERFORMER - WHO HAS TRAVELED ALL THE WAY TO DOHA BY BICYCLE AND ROW BOAT, PERFORMING STREET MAGIC IN ALL THE COUNTRIES HE'S PASSED THROUGH ALONG THE WAY. HIS HILARIOUS 2022 "GOLDEN BUZZER" PERFORMANCE ON BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT HAS RECEIVED OVER 250-MILLION VIEWS - EARNING HIM A SPOT ON ON LAST YEAR'S AMERICA'S GOT TALENT ALL-STARS. FROM JAPAN, PLEASE WELCOME THE RELENTLESSLY ENTERTAINING, TREMENDOUSLY CHARMING, AND GLOBALLY ADORED - KEIICHI IWASAKI.



9:10 QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN TRIVIA

IPHONE 15

INTRO

WE ALWAYS LIKE TO END THE EVENING WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO WIN, THANKS TO THE QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION. WE'LL HAVE THREE WINNERS – ALL WILL RECEIVE: **IPHONE 15 FROM QTF**
WHEN YOU CAME INTO THE BALLROOM THIS EVENING, YOU RECEIVED A COUPON WITH A TICKET NUMBER. I'LL PICK THE WINNING NUMBERS FROM THIS BOWL – SHOULD I CALL YOUR NUMBER, WE'LL SEND A HOSTESS OVER TO YOU WITH A MICROPHONE TO SEE IF YOU CAN CORRECTLY ANSWER A VERY CHALLENGING QUESTION AND WIN.

QUESTION 1



IN WHICH YEAR WAS THE QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN UPGRADED TO PREMIER CATEGORY?
(OPTIONS: 2015, 2008, 2011)

CORRECT ANSWER



C. 2011

FROM 2008 TO 2010, DOHA HOSTED THE WTA FINALS. IN 2011, THE QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN RETURNED AS A PREMIER EVENT. TODAY, WE ARE HONORED TO BE A PERMANENT WTA-1000 FIXTURE ON THE TENNIS CALENDAR.

QUESTION 2



WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THAT THE QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN FINAL FINISHED IN 3 SETS?
(OPTIONS: 2016, 2019, 2015)

CORRECT ANSWER



B. 2019

IN 2019, ELISE MERTENS DEFEATED SIMONA HALEP 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. AFTER THAT YEAR, ALL FINALS WERE WON IN STRAIGHT SETS.



QUESTION 3



HOW MANY QATAR TOTALENERGIES OPEN CHAMPIONS ARE RETURNING THIS YEAR IN DOHA?
(OPTIONS: 6, 8, 13)

CORRECT ANSWER

C. 13



- IGA SWIATEK. 2022, 2023 Singles Champion
- ELISE MERTENS. 2019 Singles Champion
- KAROLINA PLISKOVA. 2017 Singles Champion
- VICTORIA AZARENKA. 2012, 2013 Singles Champion
- VERA ZVONAREVA. 2011 Singles Champion
- COCO GAUFF. 2022, 2023 Doubles Champion
- DEMI SCHUURS. 2021 Doubles Champion
- NICOLE MELICHAR-MARTINEZ. 2021 Doubles Champion
- SU-WEI HSIEH. 2014, 2020 Doubles Champions
- GABRIELA DABROWSKI. 2018 Doubles Champion
- JELENA OSTAPENKO. 2018 Doubles Champion
- HAO-CHING CHAN. 2016, 2019 Doubles Champion
- SARA ERRANI. 2013 Doubles Champion

QUESTION 4



HOW MANY TIMES HAS A PLAYER REACHED BOTH THE SINGLES AND DOUBLES FINAL IN THE SAME YEAR?
(OPTIONS: 5, 8, 2)

CORRECT ANSWER

A. 5



- SADRINE TESTUD. 2001 Doubles Champion, Singles Finalist
- SVETLANA KUZNETSOVA. 2004 Doubles Champion, Singles Finalist
- ALICIA MOLIK. 2005 Doubles Champion, Singles Finalist
- CARLA SUAREZ NAVARRO. 2016 Singles Champion, Doubles Finalist
- JESSICA PEGULA. 2023 Doubles Champion, Singles Finalist

9:30 CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD NIGHT



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS, A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PLAYERS – AND WITH THAT WE’VE COME TO THE END OF OUR PLAYER DINNER GALA.

ON BEHALF OF THE QATAR TENNIS FEDERATION AND TOTAL ENERGIES, THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR JOINING US. WE HOPE YOU HAD A MEMORABLE EVENING.

AND GOOD NEWS, YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE A GIFT FROM THE QTF -- SIMPLY FOR JOINING US TONIGHT. PLEASE BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR GIFT ON YOUR WAY OUT THIS EVENING.

SEE YOU TOMORROW AT THE KHALIFA INTERNATIONAL TENNIS AND SQUASH COMPLEX FOR DAY-1 OF THE 2024 QATAR TOTAL ENERGIES OPEN. HAVE A GREAT NIGHT!