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## MUBADALA ABU DHABI OPEN

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## Mubadala Abu Dhabi Open – Day 5 – Quarterfinals - Friday, February 9

### CLOSER LOOK AT THE QUARTERFINALISTS

PLAYER	RANK	AGE	YTD PRIZE \$^	YTD W/L*	YTD TITLES	CAREER PRIZE \$^	CAREER W/L*	CAREER TITLES
[1] Elena Rybakina	5	24	\$363,250	8-2	1	\$12,217,645	177-82	6
[2] Ons Jabeur	6	29	\$119,050	2-1	0	\$12,498,357	193-126	5
[4] Barbora Krejckikova	12	28	\$456,237	5-2	0	\$11,508,890	126-71	7
[6] Beatriz Haddad Maia	13	27	\$326,0111	5-3	0	\$5,669,088	100-80	3
[7] Daria Kasatkina	14	26	\$257,755	7-3	0	\$11,030,829	255-174	6
[8] Liudmila Samsonova	15	25	\$110,056	2-3	0	\$4,486,102	93-72	4
Sorana Cirstea	26	33	\$114,132	2-3	0	\$9,096,223	299-303	2
[LL] Cristina Bucsa	74	26	\$164,486	4-3	0	\$1,639,121	19-37	0

\*entering QF, main draw at Tour-level / ^Does not include current tournament

#### [1] Elena Rybakina (KAZ #5) vs. [LL] Cristina Bucsa (ESP #74) Rybakina leads 1-0

They met earlier this year at Adelaide in the R16... This is Rybakina's second time as the No.1 seed at a Tour-level draw (also 2024 Adelaide, where she reached the QF)... Rybakina earned her sixth career title at her 2024 opener in Brisbane (d. Sabalenka in F)... Bucsa entered as a lucky loser after Zhu Lin withdrew (GI Illness)... Bucsa scored 8th Top 50 win over Wang Xinyu in opening match... The last time a lucky loser reached the SF at a WTA 500 tournament was 2016 New Haven (Johanna Larsson, SF)

#### [2] Ons Jabeur (TUN #6) vs. [6] Beatriz Haddad Maia (BRA #12) Jabeur leads 2-1

Jabeur won the first two meetings, including wins at an ITF event in 2016 and 2023 Stuttgart (QF); Haddad Maia won most recent meeting at 2023 Roland Garros (QF)... Haddad Maia has 9 career Top 10 wins, including 4 last season... A semifinalist here last year, Haddad Maia (l. eventual champion Bencic) is making her first QF of 2024 season...Haddad Maia owns 9 Top 10 wins in career, having lost her previous only meeting with a Top 10 opponent in 2024 to No.1 Swiatek at United Cup... Jabeur is making tournament debut... Jabeur owns 34 wins in career over Top 20 players, most recently No.6 Marketa Vondrousova at WTA Finals 2023

#### [4] Barbora Krejckikova (CZE #12) vs. [8] Liudmila Samsonova (#15) Tied 1-1

After splitting their two meetings in 2023, this is their first meeting this year; Krejckikova won the match-up at 2023 Stuttgart, while Samsonova won at Abu Dhabi... Samsonova is through to her 16th quarterfinal at the Tour-level; this is her first QF of 2024 after reaching the QF stage (or better) 6 times in 2023... Krejckikova reached the QF at the Australian Open (l. eventual champion Sabalenka)... Samsonova reached the final last season at Abu Dhabi and held 3 championship points (l. Bencic in F)... Three of Samsonova's four career titles came on hard court (Tokyo, Cleveland and Washington DC in 2022)



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#### [7] Daria Kasatkina (#14) vs. Sorana Cirstea (ROU #33)

**Tied 1-1**

First meeting in nearly three years... Kasatkina won their first meeting at Madrid 2018 while Cirstea took the most recent win at Roland Garros 2021...Kasatkina is making her second consecutive QF here at Abu Dhabi, after losing to Zheng in QF at Abu Dhabi 2023...Kasatkina is making her third QF of 2024 season, having reached QF at Brisbane (I. Sabalenka) and Adelaide (R-Up)...Kasatkina has a 7-1 record against opponents outside Top 20 in 2024... Both of Cirstea's two wins of 2024 season have come here at Abu Dhabi, including her win over No.9 Sakkari, which is her 20th career Top 10 win and first in 2024... Cirstea's last QF appearance on the tour was at US Open 2023 (I. Muchova)...With a win today, would be her first SF since Miami 2023 (I. Kvitova)... Cirstea is through to her 57th Tour-level QF... Cirstea has reached the QF stage six times at WTA 500 level events; she is seeking her first SF appearance at a WTA 500 level since 2013 Stanford (SF)