

# Makarova in repeat win in Doha

**Dubai**  
**E**katerina Makarova followed up on her January upset of Dominika Cibulkova with another defeat for the Slovak in a rain-delayed second-round match at the Dubai Tennis Championships yesterday.

The Russian who knocked Cibulkova out in the Melbourne third round used lessons learned in Australia to repeat the feat against the third seed, winning 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

"It was a tough match again against Domi. Like always, we have three sets," the winner said. "I started really good with aggressive tennis.

"In the second set, maybe I started to think that I'm playing so good or she's missing too much. I knew that she is a fighter and she will never give up, and she will fight and run and hit.

"Beating her at the Open helped a lot, I was believing more and I knew what to do, how to play, where to go, yeah, I

was believing that I can beat her."

The morning start had been delayed two hours due to light rain amid cooler temperatures than normal.

Cibulkova, seeded third behind Angelique Kerber and Karolina Pliskova, held a 3-1 edge over Makarova in their career series before the match.

The Slovak was playing the event for the sixth time but had never passed the third round.

Ninth seed Elena Vesnina doubled up the day's Russian victory count, beating Misaki Doi of Japan 6-2, 7-5 while Olympic gold medallist Monica Puig accounted for French 15th seed Caroline Garcia 6-1, 4-6, 6-2. (AFP)



Ekaterina Makarova

# Muguruza quits match after injury

**DUBAI**  
**F**rench Open champion Garbine Muguruza retired with a left Achilles injury and US Open finalist Karolina Pliskova was knocked out in the second round at the Dubai Tennis Championships on Tuesday.

The seventh-ranked Muguruza drew the trainer on court when trailing Kateryna Bondarenko of Ukraine 3-0, and quit at 4-1 down. Muguruza said she started to feel the injury following her second-round loss in Doha last week.

"Because of the rain, a lot of people played two matches, including me," Muguruza said. "I remember that as soon as I went, after the match, to my room, I started to have a pain in my left Achilles."

## Dubai WTA results yesterday

### 2nd round

Elena Vesnina (RUS x8) bt Misaki Doi (JPN) 6-2, 7-5  
Ekaterina Makarova (RUS) bt Dominika Cibulkova (SVK x3) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2  
Monica Puig (PUR) bt Caroline Garcia (FRA x15) 6-1, 4-6, 6-2  
Ana Konjuh (CRO) bt Samantha Stosur (AUS x12) 6-4, 6-3  
Wang Qiang (CHN) bt Ons Jabeur (TUN) 6-3, 6-1  
Catherine Bellis (USA) bt Laura Siegemund (GER) 7-5, 7-6 (7/3)



Garbine Muguruza

Second-seeded Pliskova was upset by Kristina Mladenovic of France 6-2, 6-4. Pliskova said. Pliskova boasts a 15-2 win-loss record this year. Her only prior defeat was to Mirjana Lucic-Baroni in the Australian Open quarterfinals.

Earlier, Ekaterina Makarova advanced to the third round by beating third-seeded Dominika Cibulkova 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. Olympic champion Monica Puig, and eighth-seeded Elena Vesnina advanced.

# Federer commits to keep playing in Basel

## Paris

**R**oger Federer may be 35 but he showed retirement is far from his mind by committing to play at the Swiss Indoors for another three years.

The Basel native won his 18th Grand Slam title in an epic final against Rafael Nadal at the Australian Open last month, ending a five-year wait to add to his tally.

"I can hardly wait to step out again in front of my home crowd in autumn. To play in Basel is always one of the highlights of the year," said Federer, a seven-time winner of his home tournament who missed last year's event due to injury.

This year's tournament will run from October 21-29. Federer will be 38 by the time he plays in the 2019 edition of the Swiss Indoors.



# Lu, Edmund wins Delray openers

**B**ritish eighth seed Kyle Edmund and Taiwan's Lu Yen-Hsun booked a second-round matchup Monday at the ATP Delray Beach Open while US defending champion Sam Querrey advanced on a retirement.

Edmund, ranked 49th, fired five aces and faced only one break point in a 6-3, 6-0 victory over France's Adrian Mannarino, while Lu, ranked 63rd, rallied from a set and 0-3 down to defeat American Bjorn Fratangelo 4-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Fourth seed Querrey advanced 6-2, 2-1 when Israeli rival Dudi Sela retired with a back injury. The 35th-ranked American improved to 14-7 at Delray Beach.

In a showdown of 19-year-old prodigies, American Taylor Fritz defeated Japan's Akira Santillan 6-4, 6-4. Fritz next faces either compatriot Donald Young or Croatian second seed Ivo Karlovic.

Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka ousted Belgium's Kimmer Coppejans 6-3, 6-3, sending him into a second-round match against either US fifth seed Steve Johnson or American wild card Stefan Kozlov.



Kyle Edmund

# Naomi loses ladies open 1st round

**N**aomi Broady suffered a disappointing loss to qualifier Anna Blinkova in the first round of the Hungarian Ladies Open in Budapest.

The British No. 3 was a set up against the Russian, who is ranked 48 places lower at 148, but was unable to maintain her advantage.

Broady served 16 aces but dropped serve once in both the second and third sets to lose 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in an hour and 45 minutes. (ESPN)

