

2018 JUNIOR TENNIS PRE-QUALIFYING 5-17 March 2018

ITF Junior Team Competition was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from **5-17 March 2018** where the Asia/Oceania Pre-Qualifying event for the Junior Davis Cup & Junior Fed Cup, as well as the World Junior Tennis Competition for boys and girls was played.



Host nation **Sri Lanka** was successful in the 14 and under age category, winning the pre-qualifying event for the boys' World Junior Tennis competition and will travel to the final qualifying event together with **Qatar**. In the girls' 14 and under event **Lebanon and Malaysia** will progress to the Final Qualifying.

The Final Qualifying event in Asia/Oceania for the boys' and girls' World Junior Tennis Competition will be held in Nonthaburi, Thailand from 26-31 March and 02-07 April respectively.

The ITF World Junior Tennis Finals will take place in Prostějov in August.



In the **Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** pre-qualifying **Singapore** along with **Sri Lanka** qualified as first and second of the round robin group to go to the Final Qualifying. In the **Junior Davis Cup by BNP Paribas**, **Pacific Oceania** together with second placed **Pakistan** got promoted to the Final Qualifying event.



The Final Qualifying for the 16 and under age category both boys and girls will be held in Kuching, Malaysia from 15-21 April and 09-14 April 2018 respectively.



Asian players have burst onto the world of Tennis scene in recent years with numerous victories and impressive performances.

DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP (26 Feb– 03 Mar 2018)

Venue - Aviation Club, Dubai, UAE

Surface: Hardcourt/Outdoors

Prize Money: \$ 3,057,135

Asian Participation: 5 Nations (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 63 64, 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 title in 1998 & 2003 and finished as runner-up in 2004 and 2010. He was playing his 97th ATP World Tour final and is only three finals short of achieving a century of summit clashes on the tour.

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



BNP PARIBAS OPEN (March 05-18, 2018)

Venue - Indian Wells Tennis Garden, California, United States

Surface: Hardcourt/Outdoors

Prize Money: \$ 7,972,535

Asian Participation: 5 Nations (IND, JPN, KAZ, KOR & PAK) participated in the singles and doubles main draw.

Juan Martin Del Potro [ARG] captured the **Singles title** with a 64 76(8) 76(2) victory over Milos Raonic (CAN) while the **Doubles title** was bagged by the USA duo John Isner / Jack Sock 76(4) 76(2). They beat their counterpart Bryan brothers from USA.

Hyeon Chung (KOR) reached the QF stage where he lost to World No. 1 Roger Federer 75 61. On his way to QF Chung beat Tomas Berdych (CZE) 64 64 and Dusan Lajovic (SRB) 67(9) 63 63.

Yuki Bhambri (IND) and Taro Daniel (JPN) reached the 2nd Round.



DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP - February 19 –24, 2018

Venue - Aviation Club, Dubai, UAE

Surface: Hardcourt/Outdoors

Prize Money: \$ 2,623,485

Asian Participation: 3 Nations (CHN, JPN & TPE) participated in the singles and doubles main draw.

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 6-2, 6-4.**

The Chinese-Taipei duo Hao-Ching Chan and Zhaoxuan Yang won the doubles title. They beat 4th seeds 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.

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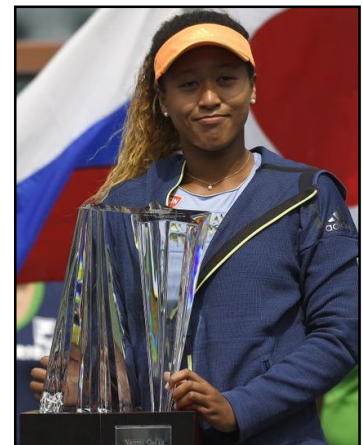
Surface: Hardcourt/Outdoors

Prize Money: \$ 7,972,535

Asian Participation: 4 Nations (CHN, JPN, KAZ & TPE) participated in the singles and doubles main draw.

Asian ladies dominated the Singles and Doubles event.

Naomi Osaka (JPN) was crowned women's singles champion. She beat the former No. 1 players Maria Sharapova (RUS) and Karolina Pliskova (CZE) and the current No. 1 Simona Halep (ROU) on her way to the final, where she defeated her fellow newcomer Daria Kasatkina, 63 62. ***This is Naomi's first WTA title.***



Su Wei Hsieh (TPE) along with Barbora Strycova (CZE) were the doubles champions. They beat top seed Russian duo E. Makarova / E. Vesnina in straight sets, 64 64.

S. Aoyama / Z. Yang (JPN/CHN) and Y. Xu (CHN) with G. Daberowski (CAN) reached the 2nd round.

UNDER 14 - (as of 19th March 2018)

BOYS

RANK	NAME	NATION
1	Al Azmeh Taym	SYR
2	Vo Quoc Uy	VIE
3	Chernomaz Alexander	KAZ
4	Akbarov Said	UZB
5	Liew Christian Andre Sheng	MAS
6	Khairutdinov Artur	KAZ
7	Ayombekov Maramatsho	TJK
8	Wong Chak Lam Coleman	HKG
9	Aman Dahiya	IND
10	Rakib Hossain Mohammad	BAN

GIRLS

RANK	NAME	NATION
1	Safi Meshkatolzahra	IRN
2	Andreevskaya Vladislava	KGZ
3	Breidy Maria	LBN
4	Aeb Iem Kittika	THA
5	Nikolenko Tatyana	KAZ
6	Sanjana Sirimalla	IND
7	Akhmetova Lutfiniso	UZB
8	Baidaulet Dana	KAZ
9	Rustemova Zhanel	KAZ
10	Kenzhibayeva Sandugash	KAZ

UNDER 18 - (as of 19th March 2018)

BOYS

RANK	Name	NATION
1	Chun Hsin Tseng	TPE
2	Uisung Park	KOR
3	Naoki Tajima	JPN
4	Tao Mu	CHN
5	Ray Ho	TPE
6	Rinky Hijikata	AUS
7	Dostanbek Tashbulatov	KAZ
8	Taisei Ichikawa	JPN
9	Dane Sweeny	AUS
10	Yeongseok Jeong	KOR

GIRLS

RANK	Name	NATION
1	Liang En Shuo	TPE
2	Wang Xinyu	CHN
3	Sato Naho	JPN
4	Wang Xiyu	CHN
5	Naitoyuki	JPN
6	Zheng Qinwen	CHN
7	Garland Joanna	TPE
8	Sawangkaew Mananchaya	THA
9	Sato Himari	JPN
10	Park Sohyun	KOR