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### A Day of Upsets and Evening Tennis Under the Lights

The matchday at *Moldova Open* once again saw interference from the rain, which managed to partially disrupt the schedule. After nearly a two-hour delay due to weather conditions, the organizers were still able to complete almost the entire day's program. The final matches were played in excellent conditions — under high-quality artificial lighting, creating the atmosphere of an evening tennis show.

### Main Events of Wednesday, 28 May

#### Men's Singles, Round of 32:

- [1] Ilia Simakin edged past the 18-year-old junior from Great Britain Charlie Robertson — 7:5, 7:6(6)
- Petr Bar Biryukov caused a minor upset by defeating [5] Saba Purtseladze (GEO) — 6:4, 7:6(2)
- Qualifier Olaf Pieczkowski (POL) advanced past wildcard Aleksandre Bakshi (GEO) following his retirement — 7:6(6), 2:0, *retired*
- Philip Henning (RSA) staged a comeback to defeat Daniil Glinka (EST) — 2:6, 7:6(3), 7:5
- [Q] Giles Hussey (GBR) confidently beat [6] Robin Bertrand (FRA) — 7:5, 6:1
- Kaichi Uchida (JPN) and Charles Broom (GBR) played the most intense match of the day — 7:6(2), 6:7(3), 7:6(7)
- [WC] Cem Ilkel (TUR) defeated [Q] Mukund Sasikumar (IND) — 6:4, 6:3
- [8] Clement Chidekh (FRA) left no chances to Lukas Pokorny (SVK) — 6:2, 7:5
- Robert Strombachs (LAT) delivered a surprise by knocking out second seed Jay Clarke (GBR) — 6:3, 6:4
- Evgeny Karlovskiy beat Egor Gerasimov — 6:4, 6:4

#### Men's Doubles, Round of 16:

- Philip Henning (RSA) / Courtney John Lock (ZIM) defeated [WC] Eleftherios Neos (CYP) / Semen Pankin — 6:4, 6:4
- Petr Bar Biryukov / Saba Purtseladze (GEO) overcame [WC] Daniel Linkuns-Morozovs (LAT) / Ilya Snitari (MDA) — 4:6, 6:4, [10–8]

*! Sadly, the Moldovan-Latvian pair Linkuns-Morozovs / Snitari fell short in a tense super tie-break on their home tournament. There was plenty of fight, but luck was on the visitors' side.*

- [1] Siddhant Banthia (IND) / Ramkumar Ramanathan (IND) edged past Kaichi Uchida (JPN) / Denis Yevseyev (KAZ) — 6:4, 4:6, [10–8]
- [2] Lukas Pokorny (SVK) / Ilia Simakin defeated Masamichi Imamura (JPN) / Naoki Tajima (JPN) — 4:6, 7:5, [10–5]
- Aleksandre Bakshi (GEO) / Robert Strombachs (LAT) claimed victory over Cristian Rodriguez (COL) / Andres Urrea (COL) — 7:6(5), 6:4

#### **Schedule for Thursday, 29 May 2025**

##### **Center Court – starts at 11:00**

- [CO] Toby Samuel (GBR) vs [4] Radu Albot (MDA)
- [WC] Cem Ilkel (TUR) vs Petr Bar Biryukov
- [3] Denis Yevseyev (KAZ) vs Kaichi Uchida (JPN)
- Sai Karteek Reddy Ganta (IND) / Parikshit Somani (IND) vs [3] Ben Jones (GBR) / David Poljak (CZE)

*After suitable rest:*

Kelsey Stevenson (CAN) / Harry Wendelken (GBR) or Anthony Genov (BUL) / Tom Hands (GBR) vs [2] Lukas Pokorny (SVK) / Ilia Simakin (RUS)

##### **Court 4 – starts at 11:00**

- [7] Lorenzo Giustino (ITA) vs [Q] Stuart Parker (GBR)
- [1] Ilia Simakin vs Philip Henning (RSA)
- Masamichi Imamura (JPN) vs [Q] Giles Hussey (GBR)

*After suitable rest:*

[1] Siddhant Banthia (IND) / Ramkumar Ramanathan (IND) vs Petr Bar Biryukov / Saba Purtseladze (GEO)

[4] Szymon Kielan (POL) / Filip Pieczonka (POL) or Daniil Golubev / David Pichler (AUT) vs Philip Henning (RSA) / Courtney John Lock (ZIM)

##### **Court 2 – starts at 11:00**

- [8] Clement Chidekh (FRA) vs [Q] Olaf Pieczkowski (POL)
- Evgeny Karlovskiy vs Robert Strombachs (LAT)

*Not before 13:00:*

Kelsey Stevenson (CAN) / Harry Wendelken (GBR) vs Anthony Genov (BUL) / Tom Hands (GBR)

[4] Szymon Kielan (POL) / Filip Pieczonka (POL) vs Daniil Golubev / David Pichler (AUT)

*After suitable rest:*

Aleksandre Bakshi (GEO) / Robert Strombachs (LAT) vs Sai Karteek Reddy Ganta (IND) / Parikshit Somani (IND) or [3] Ben Jones (GBR) / David Poljak (CZE)

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**Organizing Committee of Moldova Open 2025**

## COMUNICAT DE PRESĂ

Chișinău, 28 mai 2025

### Ziua surprizelor și a tenisului de seară sub reflectoare

Ziua de joc de la *Moldova Open* a fost din nou afectată de ploaie, care a reușit să perturbe parțial programul. După o pauză de aproape două ore din cauza condițiilor meteo, organizatorii au reușit totuși să finalizeze aproape întreaga zi competițională. Ultimele meciuri s-au disputat în condiții excelente — sub un iluminat artificial de calitate, într-o atmosferă de spectacol de tenis nocturn.

### Evenimentele principale de miercuri, 28 mai

#### Simple masculin, șaisprezecimi de finală:

- [1] Ilia Simakin îl învinge pe juniorul britanic de 18 ani Charlie Robertson — 7:5, 7:6(6)
- Petr Bar Biryukov produce o mică surpriză, învingându-l pe [5] Saba Purtseladze (GEO) — 6:4, 7:6(2)
- Calificatul Olaf Pieczkowski (POL) trece de beneficiar wild card Aleksandre Bakshi (GEO) după abandonul acestuia — 7:6(6), 2:0, abandon
- Philip Henning (RSA) revine și câștigă în fața lui Daniil Glinka (EST) — 2:6, 7:6(3), 7:5
- [Q] Giles Hussey (GBR) trece clar de [6] Robin Bertrand (FRA) — 7:5, 6:1
- Kaichi Uchida (JPN) și Charles Broom (GBR) au disputat cel mai tensionat meci al zilei — 7:6(2), 6:7(3), 7:6(7)
- [WC] Cem Ilkel (TUR) îl învinge pe [Q] Mukund Sasikumar (IND) — 6:4, 6:3
- [8] Clement Chidekh (FRA) nu-i lasă nicio șansă lui Lukas Pokorny (SVK) — 6:2, 7:5
- Robert Strombachs (LAT) produce o surpriză eliminându-l pe al doilea favorit Jay Clarke (GBR) — 6:3, 6:4
- Evgeny Karlovskiy îl învinge pe Egor Gerasimov — 6:4, 6:4

#### Dublu masculin, optimi de finală:

- Philip Henning (RSA) / Courtney John Lock (ZIM) câștigă împotriva perechii [WC] Eleftherios Neos (CYP) / Semen Pankin — 6:4, 6:4
- Petr Bar Biryukov / Saba Purtseladze (GEO) îi înving pe [WC] Daniel Linkuns-Morozovs (LAT) / Ilya Snitari (MDA) — 4:6, 6:4, [10–8]

*! Păcat, dar perechea moldo-letonă Linkuns-Morozovs / Snitari a cedat în super tie-break-ul tensionat de pe teren propriu. Meciul a fost echilibrat, dar norocul a fost de partea oaspeților.*

- [1] Siddhant Banthia (IND) / Ramkumar Ramanathan (IND) trec de Kaichi Uchida (JPN) / Denis Yevseyev (KAZ) — 6:4, 4:6, [10–8]
- [2] Lukas Pokorny (SVK) / Ilia Simakin îi înving pe Masamichi Imamura (JPN) / Naoki Tajima (JPN) — 4:6, 7:5, [10–5]

- Aleksandre Bakshi (GEO) / Robert Strombachs (LAT) câștigă în fața lui Cristian Rodriguez (COL) / Andres Urrea (COL) — 7:6(5), 6:4

### **Programul zilei de joi, 29 mai 2025**

#### **Terenul Central – începe la ora 11:00**

- [CO] Toby Samuel (GBR) vs [4] Radu Albot (MDA)
- [WC] Cem Ilkel (TUR) vs Petr Bar Biryukov
- [3] Denis Yevseyev (KAZ) vs Kaichi Uchida (JPN)
- Sai Karteek Reddy Ganta (IND) / Parikshit Somani (IND) vs [3] Ben Jones (GBR) / David Poljak (CZE)

După odihnă:

Kelsey Stevenson (CAN) / Harry Wendelken (GBR) sau Anthony Genov (BUL) / Tom Hands (GBR) vs [2] Lukas Pokorny (SVK) / Ilia Simakin (RUS)

#### **Terenul 4 – începe la ora 11:00**

- [7] Lorenzo Giustino (ITA) vs [Q] Stuart Parker (GBR)
- [1] Ilia Simakin vs Philip Henning (RSA)
- Masamichi Imamura (JPN) vs [Q] Giles Hussey (GBR)

După odihnă:

[1] Siddhant Bhanthia (IND) / Ramkumar Ramanathan (IND) vs Petr Bar Biryukov / Saba Purtseladze (GEO)

[4] Szymon Kielan (POL) / Filip Pieczonka (POL) sau Daniil Golubev / David Pichler (AUT) vs Philip Henning (RSA) / Courtney John Lock (ZIM)

#### **Terenul 2 – începe la ora 11:00**

- [8] Clement Chidekh (FRA) vs [Q] Olaf Pieczkowski (POL)
- Evgeny Karlovskiy vs Robert Strombachs (LAT)

Nu mai devreme de ora 13:00:

Kelsey Stevenson (CAN) / Harry Wendelken (GBR) vs Anthony Genov (BUL) / Tom Hands (GBR)

[4] Szymon Kielan (POL) / Filip Pieczonka (POL) vs Daniil Golubev / David Pichler (AUT)

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#### **Comitetul de organizare**

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## ПРЕСС-РЕЛИЗ

Кишинёв, 28 мая 2025 года

### День сенсаций и вечернего тенниса под прожекторами

Игровой день на **Moldova Open** вновь прошёл не без вмешательства **дождя**, которому удалось **частично сорвать расписание**. После почти **двухчасовой паузы** из-за погодных условий организаторам всё же удалось довести почти весь игровой день до конца. Последние матчи прошли в отличных условиях — при **качественном искусственном освещении**, в атмосфере вечернего теннисного шоу.

### Главные события среды, 28 мая

#### **Мужской одиночный разряд, 1/16 финала:**

- [1] Ilia Simakin дожимает 18-летнего юниора из Великобритании Charlie Robertson — 7:5, 7:6(6)
- Petr Bar Biryukov устраивает мини сенсацию, обыгравая [5] Saba Purtseladze (GEO) — 6:4, 7:6(2)
- Квалифайер Olaf Pieczkowski (POL) проходит получившего wild card Aleksandre Bakshi (GEO) после отказа соперника — 7:6(6), 2:0, *отказ*
- Philip Henning (RSA) вырывает победу у Daniil Glinka (EST) — 2:6, 7:6(3), 7:5
- [Q] Giles Hussey (GBR) уверенно проходит [6] Robin Bertrand (FRA) — 7:5, 6:1
- Kaichi Uchida (JPN) и Charles Broom (GBR) провели самый напряжённый матч дня — 7:6(2), 6:7(3), 7:6(7)
- [WC] Cem Ilkel (TUR) переигрывает [Q] Mukund Sasikumar (IND) — 6:4, 6:3
- [8] Clement Chidekh (FRA) не оставляет шансов Lukas Pokorny (SVK) — 6:2, 7:5
- Robert Strombachs (LAT) преподносит сюрприз, выбивая второго сеяного Jay Clarke (GBR) — 6:3, 6:4
- Evgeny Karlovskiy переигрывает Egor Gerasimov — 6:4, 6:4

#### **Мужской парный разряд, 1/8 финала:**

- Philip Henning (RSA) / Courtney John Lock (ZIM) обыгрывают [WC] Eleftherios Neos (CYP) / Semen Pankin — 6:4, 6:4
- Petr Bar Biryukov / Saba Purtseladze (GEO) побеждают [WC] Daniel Linkuns-Morozovs (LAT) / Ilya Snitari (MDA) — 4:6, 6:4, [10–8]

**! Жаль, но молдаво-латвийская пара Linkuns-Morozovs / Snitari уступила в напряжённом супер-тайбрейке на своём домашнем турнире. Борьбы было много, но удача оказалась на стороне гостей.**

- [1] Siddhant Banthia (IND) / Ramkumar Ramanathan (IND) проходят Kaichi Uchida (JPN) / Denis Yevseyev (KAZ) — 6:4, 4:6, [10–8]
- [2] Lukas Pokorny (SVK) / Ilia Simakin переигрывают Masamichi Imamura (JPN) / Naoki Tajima (JPN) — 4:6, 7:5, [10–5]
- Aleksandre Bakshi (GEO) / Robert Strombachs (LAT) берут верх над Cristian Rodriguez (COL) / Andres Urrea (COL) — 7:6(5), 6:4

#### **Расписание на четверг, 29 мая 2025**

##### ***Центральный корт – начало в 11:00***

- [CO] Toby Samuel (GBR) vs [4] Radu Albot (MDA)
- [WC] Cem Ilkel (TUR) vs Petr Bar Biryukov
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##### ***Корт 4 – начало в 11:00***

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##### ***Корт 2 – начало в 11:00***

- [8] Clement Chidekh (FRA) vs [Q] Olaf Pieczkowski (POL)
- Evgeny Karlovskiy vs Robert Strombachs (LAT)

##### **Не ранее 13:00:**

Kelsey Stevenson (CAN) / Harry Wendelken (GBR) vs Anthony Genov (BUL) / Tom Hands (GBR)

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