

Dmitry Druzhinsky Sees LA28 as a Test of Long-Term Tennis Development as Wuhan Open Highlights Competitive Challenges



New York City, New York Oct 21, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - With the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games approaching, MatchPoint NYC co-founder Dmitry Druzhinsky is focusing attention on a question that extends beyond Olympic preparation: how can sports organizations determine whether years of investment in training infrastructure are producing better athletes?

For MatchPoint NYC, the answer is closely tied to long-term athlete development and the progress of tennis players trained within its own system.

The Brooklyn sports complex has developed a multisport training environment combining tennis facilities with physical conditioning and other athletic resources. Its infrastructure development has also included performance monitoring and digital coaching capabilities intended to support continuity in athlete preparation.

Recent results from the international tennis circuit demonstrate how difficult sustained performance can be, even for established champions.

In September, Elena Rybakina defeated Aryna Sabalenka to win the US Open and take over the world No. 1 ranking. The victory followed a demanding period of physical preparation and recovery for Rybakina.

At the Wuhan Open on October 14, Sabalenka experienced another setback, losing her opening match to unseeded American Ann Li in three sets. The defeat followed her early exit from the China Open and extended a difficult stretch for the former world No. 1.

Sabalenka's loss was especially unexpected given her record in Wuhan, where she had previously claimed three titles. The result illustrates how quickly competitive circumstances can change and why individual tournaments offer only a limited measure of an athlete's overall development.

For Dmitry Druzhinsky, those fluctuations reinforce the importance of building a development system that extends beyond immediate results.

MatchPoint NYC's long-term athlete development approach emphasizes technical improvement, physical conditioning, competitive experience and consistent preparation. The objective is to develop athletes within the organization rather than rely exclusively on recruiting already established competitors.

Investment in tennis training infrastructure is intended to support that process. Courts, conditioning resources and training programs provide the foundation for athletes to progress toward increasingly demanding competitive levels.

The upcoming LA28 Games create a visible benchmark for athlete-development programs. Olympic competition brings together athletes whose preparation reflects years of coaching, access to facilities and individual progression.

However, an Olympic year is only one point in a much longer development cycle.

At MatchPoint NYC, continued investment in training infrastructure is intended to support athletes whose most significant results may emerge well after 2028.

For Dmitry Druzhinsky, the central measure of success is not the size of a training facility alone. It is

whether that facility provides the conditions necessary for athletes to improve and pursue increasingly ambitious competitive goals.

As LA28 draws closer, the broader significance of the Olympic cycle lies in its ability to reveal the strengths and limitations of existing development systems. The long-term objective remains to translate investment in training infrastructure, coaching and young talent into future competitive achievements.

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