

# DAVIS CUP BY RAKUTEN FINALS 2021

## 27 NOVEMBER – DAY THREE PREVIEW NOTES

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### On court today:

- In Madrid, Sweden will aim to continue the momentum from a convincing win over Canada on the opening day. A victory over Kazakhstan today will send the Swedes through to the quarterfinals for the first time since 2011. The Kazakhs, led by world No. 36 Alexander Bublik, will be bidding to begin their journey at the Finals with a victory as they look to make the Davis Cup quarterfinals for the 6th time in their history. In the evening session, the Russian Tennis Federation team open their bid for a 5th Davis Cup title against Ecuador, who will have taken heart from their performance in defeat to Spain on Friday. RTF are arguably the strongest team at the Finals in terms of rankings, and Ecuador will have to produce a huge upset if they are to avoid elimination today.
- France were forced to dig deep to defeat Czech Republic on Thursday and return to face a Great Britain team packed full of quality in Innsbruck this morning. The Brits are led by Cameron Norrie this week and the Indian Wells champion has a winning record against both Adrian Mannarino and Arthur Rinderknech. A victory for France will send them through to the quarterfinals, but Great Britain will be confident of at least matching their semifinal finish from 2019, and will aim to be off to a fast start today. In the second tie of the day, Serbia take on Germany in an intriguing clash, which will see Novak Djokovic aim to steer his team into the quarterfinals for the 2nd straight season. Germany were also quarterfinalists in 2019, and the squad has good strength in depth again this year – the Germans will hope for victory in a tie likely to be decisive in determining which team claims top spot in Group F.
- After a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Croatia on Thursday, Australia must defeat Hungary in Turin today if they are to stand a chance of progressing to the knockout stages. The nations' only previous meeting – in the 1996 World Group Play-offs – ended in a surprise victory for the Hungarians, and captain Gabor Koves, who played in that tie, will hope to channel that spirit today as he looks to lead Hungary into the Davis Cup quarterfinals for the first time. Later in Turin, Italy will look to cement their place in the last 8 when they take on Colombia. It was the perfect start for new captain Filippo Volandri on Friday, as the Italians romped to victory over USA, but his team will not underestimate a Colombian team which beat Argentina in the 2020 Qualifiers to secure their place at the Finals.

### Qualification/elimination scenarios:

- Group A: Ecuador will be eliminated from the Finals if they lose today
- Group B: Sweden will advance to the quarterfinals as group winners if they win today
- Group C: France will advance to the quarterfinals as group winners if they win today
- Group D: Australia will be eliminated from the Finals if they lose today
- Group E: Italy will advance to the quarterfinals as group winners if they win today
- Group F: Serbia will advance to the quarterfinals as group winners if they win today

## Group Stages

### Group A Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Spain	1	1-0	3-0 (100%)	6-2 (75%)	49-39 (56%)
2.	Ecuador	1	0-1	0-3 (0%)	2-6 (25%)	39-49 (44%)
3.	RTF	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

### Group B Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Sweden	1	1-0	3-0 (100%)	6-0 (100%)	37-24 (61%)
2.	Canada	1	0-1	0-3 (0%)	0-6 (0%)	24-37 (39%)
3.	Kazakhstan	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

### Group C Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	France	1	1-0	2-1 (67%)	4-4 (50%)	41-39 (51%)
2.	Czech Republic	1	0-1	1-2 (33%)	4-4 (50%)	39-41 (49%)
3.	Great Britain	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

### Group D Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Croatia	1	1-0	3-0 (100%)	6-1 (86%)	43-27 (61%)
2.	Australia	1	0-3	0-3 (0%)	1-6 (14%)	27-43 (39%)
3.	Hungary	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

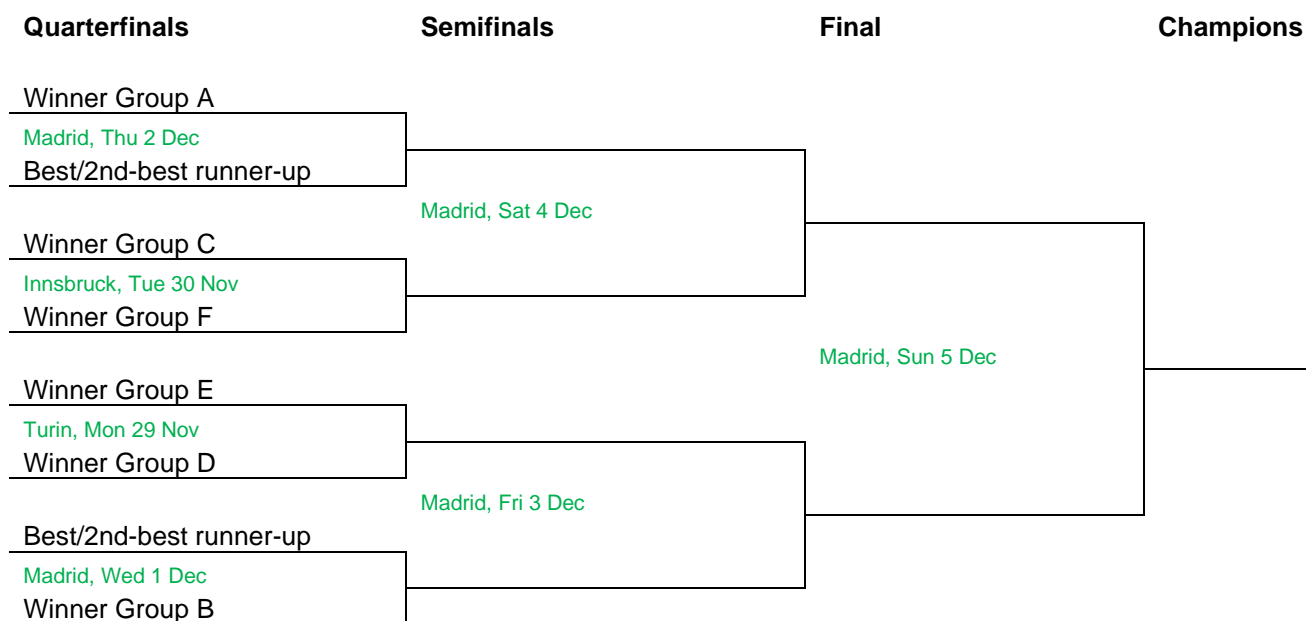
### Group E Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Italy	1	1-0	2-1 (67%)	4-2 (67%)	33-24 (58%)
2.	USA	1	0-1	1-2 (33%)	2-4 (33%)	24-33 (42%)
3.	Colombia	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

### Group F Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Serbia	1	1-0	3-0 (100%)	6-2 (75%)	46-37 (55%)
2.	Austria	1	0-1	0-3 (0%)	2-6 (25%)	37-46 (45%)
3.	Germany	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

## Knockout Stages



## GROUP B – KAZAKHSTAN v SWEDEN

MADRID – 1000 CET

### Head-to-head: first meeting

KAZAKHSTAN	v	SWEDEN
12	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	14
Quarterfinals 5 times	Best Davis Cup Result	Champions 7 times
1995	First Year Played	1925
26	Seasons Played	87
75	Ties Played	240
45-30	Ties Win-Loss	158-82

### Kazakhstan – Team Information

- [KAZAKHSTAN](#) are bidding to reach quarterfinals for the 6th time and equal their best Davis Cup result. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.
- In the **2020 Qualifiers**, Kazakhstan defeated Netherlands 3-1 in Nur-Sultan, with Alexander Bublik defeating Robin Haase to secure Kazakhstan's place at the Finals.
- At the **2019 Finals**, Kazakhstan finished in 2nd place in Group E after defeating Netherlands 2-1 and falling to Great Britain 2-1. They did not advance to the quarterfinals.
- Kazakhstan's **best Davis Cup result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 5 occasions – in 2011 (l. Argentina), 2013 (l. Czech Republic), 2014 (l. Switzerland), 2015 (l. Australia) and 2018 (l. Croatia).
- Prior to 1995, players from Kazakhstan represented USSR.
- Kazakhstan are currently ranked No. 12 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest ranking is No. 7, which they achieved in February 2013.
- **Captain Yuriy Schukin** took over as Kazakh Davis Cup captain ahead of the 2020 season and recorded a victory in his first tie in charge, with the team defeating Netherlands 3-1 in Nur-Sultan. As a player, he competed in 13 ties between 2008 and 2013 and had a 9-8 win-loss record.

### Kazakhstan – Historical Information

#### Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Kazakh player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Alexey Kedryuk	66-34
2.	<b>Mikhail Kukushkin</b>	<b>27-17</b>
3.	<b>Andrey Golubev</b>	<b>25-12</b>
4.	Pavel Baranov	16-8
5.	Igor Chaldounov	11-12

#### Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Kazakh player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Alexey Kedryuk	43-17
2.	<b>Mikhail Kukushkin</b>	<b>26-15</b>
3.	<b>Andrey Golubev</b>	<b>16-7</b>
4.	Pavel Baranov	11-5
5.	Dias Doskarayev	6-5

**Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Kazakh player**

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Alexey Kedryuk	23-17
<b>2=</b>	Igor Chaldounov <b>Andrey Golubev</b>	9-4 <b>9-5</b>
4.	Yuriy Schukin	7-6
<b>5=</b>	<b>Aleksandr Nedovyesov</b> Anton Tsymbalov	<b>6-5</b> 6-2

**Most Davis Cup ties played by a Kazakh player**

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Alexey Kedryuk	51
<b>2.</b>	<b>Mikhail Kukushkin</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>3=</b>	Igor Chaldounov <b>Andrey Golubev</b>	20 <b>20</b>
5.	Pavel Baranov	14

**Kazakhstan – Player Information**

Player	DC debut year	DC years played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Alexander Bublik	2019	2	4	4-1	1-1
Dmitry Popko	2017	2	4	4-2	0-0
Mikhail Kukushkin	2008	13	25	26-15	1-2
Aleksandr Nedovyesov*	2014	8	12	2-6	6-5
Andrey Golubev	2008	11	20	16-7	9-5

\*Nedovyesov played one Davis Cup tie for Ukraine in 2005, losing the one dead singles match he contested. Figures in the table indicate his Davis Cup record for Kazakhstan only.

- **ALEXANDER BUBLIK**

- **Age:** 24 (born 17 June 1997 in Gatchina, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 36 (singles), 48 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Antalya, Singapore; SF Newport, Nur-Sultan; QF Miami, Madrid, Eastbourne
- **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Roland Garros
- **Davis Cup:** Bublik made his Davis Cup debut in the 2019 Qualifiers and has won 4 of the 5 singles matches he has contested in the competition. His only Davis Cup singles defeat came against Netherlands' Robin Haase at the 2019 Finals. However he defeated both Tallon Griekspoor and Haase during Kazakhstan's victory over Netherlands in the Qualifiers last year.

- **DMITRY POPKO**

- **Age:** 25 (born 24 October 1996 in St Petersburg, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 178 (singles), 444 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup:** Popko made his Davis Cup debut in 2017 and has won 4 of the 6 matches he has contested in the competition. His only Davis Cup defeats have come against Argentina's Diego Schwartzman in the 2017 World Group play-offs and against Marin Cilic in the 2018 quarterfinals. He was nominated for both the 2019 Finals and the 2020 Qualifiers but did not contest a match.

- **MIKHAIL KUKUSHKIN**

- **Age:** 33 (born 26 December 1987 in Volgograd, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 183 (singles), 128 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup:** Kukushkin is in 2nd place on the lists for most total Davis Cup matches won by a Kazakh player and most Davis Cup singles matches won by a Kazakh player, behind a Alexey Kedruk. He has lost his last 2 singles matches in the competition, falling to both Great Britain's Kyle Edmund at the 2019 Finals and to Netherlands' Haase during the 2020 Qualifiers.

- **ALEKSANDR NEDOVYESOV**
  - **Age:** 34 (born 15 February 1987 in Alushta, Ukraine)
  - **Rankings:** 534 (singles), 72 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Parma, Hamburg, Antwerp
  - **Davis Cup:** Nedovyevov has contested only doubles matches in his Davis Cup appearances since 2017, having lost his last 5 singles matches in the competition. He and Golubev recorded a comfortable victory over Netherlands' Haase/Jean-Julien Rojer in the Qualifiers last year.
- **ANDREY GOLUBEV**
  - **Age:** 34 (born 22 July 1987 in Volzhskij, Russia)
  - **Rankings:** 937 (singles), 28 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Roland Garros, St Petersburg; SF Hamburg
  - **Davis Cup:** Golubev could claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Davis Cup doubles matches won by a Kazakh player, ahead of Igor Chaldounov, if he wins a doubles match this week. He will also claim sole ownership of 3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup ties played by a Kazakh player, ahead of Chaldounov, if he plays at least one tie here. He is in 3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup singles matches won by a Kazakh player, but has not contested a singles match in the competition since 2015.

### Sweden – Team Information

- **SWEDEN** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the first time since 2011, when they defeated Russia in the World Group first round before falling to Serbia in the last 8. They are making their first appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.
- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Sweden defeated Chile 3-1 in Stockholm, with Mikael Ymer winning both of his singles matches to secure Sweden's place at the Finals.
- Sweden have **won 9 of their last 10 Davis Cup ties** – including their victory over Canada in their opening tie at the Finals this year. Since being relegated to Europe/Africa Group II in 2016, their only defeat in the competition came against Colombia in the 2019 Qualifiers.
- Sweden are **7-time Davis Cup champions**, with all 7 of their titles coming between 1975 and 1998. They are 5th on the all-time list of champions – behind USA (32 titles), Australia (28), France and Great Britain (both 10).
- Sweden are ranked No. 14 in the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. Their best ranking is No. 4, which they held from December 2001 to July 2002.
- **Captain Robin Soderling** took over as Swedish captain ahead of the 2020 Qualifiers, leading the team to a 3-1 victory over Chile in Stockholm in his first tie in charge. As a player, he competed in 10 ties between 2004 and 2011 and had a 14-4 win-loss record. He also reached the Roland Garros final on 2 occasions, falling to Roger Federer in 2009 and to Rafael Nadal in 2011.

### Sweden – Player Information

#### Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Swedish player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Ulf Schmidt	66-36
2.	Jan-Erik Lundqvist	64-27
3.	Lennart Bergelin Sven Davidson	62-26 62-23
5.	Torsten Johansson	51-21

#### Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Swedish player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Jan-Erik Lundqvist	47-16
2.	Ulf Schmidt	44-25
3.	Lennart Bergelin	43-17
4.	Sven Davidson	39-14
5.	Bjorn Borg	37-3

**Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Swedish player**

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Sven Davidson	23-9
2.	Ulf Schmidt	22-11
3.	Jonas Bjorkman	21-14
4.	Anders Jarryd	20-14
5.	Lennart Bergelin	19-9

**Most Davis Cup ties played by a Swedish player**

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Ulf Schmidt	38
2=	Lennart Bergelin	36
	Jonas Bjorkman	36
	Sven Davidson	36
5=	Stefan Edberg	35
	Anders Jarryd	35
	Jan-Erik Lundqvist	35

**Sweden – Player Information**

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Mikael Ymer	2015	6	9	12-4	0-0
Elias Ymer	2013	8	13	9-12	0-0
Jonathan Mridha	2018	1	1	1-1	0-0
Andre Goransson	2019	2	2	0-0	1-1
Robert Lindstedt	2007	13	22	0-3	16-5

- **[MIKAEL YMER](#)**

- **Age:** 23 (born 9 September 1998 in Skovde, Sweden)
- **Rankings:** 93 (singles), 1449 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Winston-Salem; QF Gstaad, Kitzbuhel
- **Davis Cup:** Mikael Ymer has won 10 of his last 12 Davis Cup matches – including his victory over Canada’s Vasek Pospisil in Sweden’s opening tie at the Finals this year – with his only defeats in Davis Cup matches in that time coming against Portugal’s Joao Sousa in the 2018 Europe/Africa Group I first round and against Colombia’s Daniel Elahi Galan in the 2019 Qualifiers. He defeated both Marcelo Tomas Barrios Vera and Alejandro Tabilo during Sweden’s victory over Chile in the Qualifiers last year. He has never contested a doubles match in the competition.

- **[ELIAS YMER](#)**

- **Age:** 25 (born 10 April 1996 in Skara, Sweden)
- **Rankings:** 171 (singles), 391 (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Stockholm
- **Davis Cup:** Elias Ymer has won 2 of his last 7 Davis Cup matches, with his only victories in Davis Cup matches in that time coming against Portugal’s Gastao Elias in the 2018 Europe/Africa Group I first round and against Canada’s Steven Diez in Sweden’s opening tie at the Finals this year. He lost the only match he contested in the competition last year, falling to Tabilo during Sweden’s victory over Chile in the Qualifiers. He has never contested a doubles match in the competition.

- **[JONATHAN MRIDHA](#)**

- **Age:** 26 (born 8 April 1995)
- **Rankings:** 511 (singles), 822 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup:** Mridha has appeared in just one Davis Cup tie to date, contesting 2 matches during Sweden’s victory over Switzerland in the 2018 World Group play-offs. He fell to Henri Laaksonen in straight sets before defeating Sandro Ehrat in the decisive 5th match.

- **ANDRE GORANSSON**
  - **Age:** 27 (born 30 April 1994)
  - **Rankings:** unranked (singles), 64 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Belgrade 2; SF Santiago; QF Wimbledon
  - **Davis Cup:** Goransson recorded his first Davis Cup match-win during Sweden's victory over Canada on Thursday, partnering Lindstedt to a win over Pospisil/Brayden Schnur in the doubles match. His only previous Davis Cup appearance came during Sweden's 2019 Europe/Africa Group I victory over Israel, when he and Markus Eriksson lost the doubles match Daniel Cukierman/Jonathan Erlich in straight sets.
- **ROBERT LINDSTEDT**
  - **Age:** 44 (born 19 March 1977 in Sundbyberg, Sweden)
  - **Rankings:** unranked (singles), 184 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup:** Lindstedt has won 4 of his last 5 Davis Cup matches – including his and Goransson's victory over Pospisil/Schnur in Sweden's win against Canada on Thursday. His only defeat in the competition in that time came in the 2019 Qualifiers, when he and Eriksson fell to Colombia's Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah in straight sets. Since making his debut in 2007, he has played in at least one Davis Cup match a season every year except 2017.

## GROUP A – RUSSIAN TENNIS FEDERATION v ECUADOR

MADRID – NOT BEFORE 1600 CET

### Head-to-head: first meeting

RTF	v	ECUADOR
13	<b>Davis Cup Nations Ranking</b>	24
<b>Champions 2002, 2006</b>	<b>Best Davis Cup Result</b>	<b>Quarterfinals 1985</b>
1962*	<b>First Year Played</b>	1961
56*	<b>Seasons Played</b>	55
144	<b>Ties Played</b>	116
91-53	<b>Ties Win-Loss</b>	61-55

\*RTF players represented USSR until 1992 and CIS in 1993; RTF takes USSR's historical record

### Russian Tennis Federation – Team Information

- **RTF** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 2nd consecutive season. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.
- In 2019, RTF **reached the semifinals for the first time since 2008**. The team defeated Croatia and fell to Spain in the group stages, but advanced to the knockout stages as one of the best runners-up. They then defeated Serbia in the quarterfinals before falling to Canada in the semifinals. As semifinalists in 2019, they qualified automatically for the Finals this year.
- RTF are **2-time Davis Cup champions**. They won the title in 2002 (d. France) and 2006 (d. Argentina). They have finished as runners-up on 3 further occasions – 1994 (l. Sweden), 1995 (l. USA) and 2007 (l. USA).
- Until 1991, **RTF players competed under the flag of USSR**, and then CIS in 1992.
- RTF are ranked No. 13 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking** – their best ranking since February 2012, when they were ranked No. 10. They are one of only 8 nations (alongside Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Great Britain and Spain) to have been ranked No. 1 since the Davis Cup Nations' Ranking was introduced in 2001, having held the No. 1 ranking between December 2006 and May 2009.
- **Captain Shamil Tarpishev** is the longest-serving Davis Cup captain of all-time. He first captained the Russian Tennis Federation team in 1974, and has been on the bench for a total of 94 ties. He began his current spell as captain in 1997 and has missed just one tie since then. He guided the RTF team to their only 2 Davis Cup titles to date (in 2002 and 2006), has a 38-22 win-loss record in his current spell as captain and a 62-36 overall win-loss in the competition. He will captain the team for the 100th time in their tie against Spain on Sunday.

### Russian Tennis Federation – Historical Information

#### Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Russian Tennis Federation player\*

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	44-28
2.	Marat Safin	31-21
3.	Mikhail Youzhny	21-17
4.	Nikolay Davydenko	17-11
5=	Igor Andreev	14-14
	<b>Andrey Rublev</b>	<b>14-9</b>

#### Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Russian Tennis Federation player\*

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	31-16
2.	Marat Safin	21-15
3.	Mikhail Youzhny	15-11
4.	Nikolay Davydenko	14-9
5.	Igor Andreev	11-10

**Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Russian Tennis Federation player\***

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	13-12
2.	Marat Safin	10-6
3.	Andrei Olhovskiy	8-10
4.	Konstantin Kravchuk	7-4
<b>5=</b>	<b>Andrey Rublev</b>	<b>6-5</b>
	Mikhail Youzhny	6-6

**Most Davis Cup ties played by a Russian Tennis Federation player\***

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Yevgeny Kafelnikov	28
2.	Marat Safin	25
3.	Mikhail Youzhny	23
4.	Andrei Olhovskiy	18
5.	Nikolay Davydenko	17

\*records apply only to the Russian Tennis Federation team that has competed since 1993

**Russian Tennis Federation – Player Information**

Player	DC debut year	DC years played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Daniil Medvedev	2017	3	5	3-2	0-1
Andrey Rublev	2014	6	14	8-4	6-5
Aslan Karatsev	2016	1	1	0-1	0-0
Karen Khachanov	2013	6	12	7-7	2-5
Evgeny Donskoy	2013	6	9	3-4	2-2

- **DANIIL MEDVEDEV**

- **Age:** 5 (born 11 February 1996 in Moscow, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 2 (singles), 278 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Marseille, Mallorca, Toronto, US Open; RU Australian Open, Paris, ATP Finals; SF Cincinnati; QF Miami, Roland Garros; R16 Wimbledon
- **Davis Cup:** Medvedev could make his first Davis Cup appearance in nearly 3 years this week, having not played in the competition since defeating Switzerland's Henri Laaksonen in the 2019 Qualifiers. He made his debut in the competition in 2017, retiring while trailing Novak Djokovic in RTF's defeat to Serbia in the World Group first round, and is bidding to improve a 3-3 Davis Cup win-loss record.

- **ANDREY RUBLEV**

- **Age:** 24 (born 20 October 1997 in Moscow, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 5 (singles), 74 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Rotterdam; RU Monte Carlo, Halle, Cincinnati; SF Doha, Dubai, Miami, San Diego; QF Australian Open, Barcelona, Rome, St Petersburg; R16 Wimbledon
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Doha; RU Indian Wells
- **Davis Cup:** Rublev was the star of the RTF team which reached the semifinals in 2019, winning 6 of the 8 matches he contested – including all 4 singles matches. Prior to the 2019 Finals, he had lost his previous 5 matches in the competition, having not won a Davis Cup match since 2016. He is bidding to climb the list for most Davis Cup matches won by an RTF player this week – one win will see him claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list, ahead of Igor Andrejev, while 3 wins will see him equal Nikolay Davydenko in 4th place.

- **ASLAN KARATSEV**

- **Age:** 28 (born 4 September 1993 in Vladikavkaz, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 17 (singles), 89 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Dubai, Moscow; RU Belgrade 1; SF Australian Open; QF San Diego
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Doha; RU Indian Wells
- **Davis Cup:** Karatsev could make his 2nd Davis Cup appearance this week. His only previous appearance in the competition came in 2016, when he lost the dead 5th match of RTF's 4-1 victory against Netherlands, falling to Matwe Middelkoop in 3 sets.

- **KAREN KHACHANOV**
  - **Age:** 25 (born 21 May 1996 in Moscow, Russia)
  - **Rankings:** 29 (singles), 170 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** Silver Tokyo Olympics; SF Melbourne 1, Lyon, Moscow; QF Rotterdam, Marseille, Wimbledon
  - **Davis Cup:** Khachanov won his first singles match at the 2019 Finals, defeating Croatia's Borna Coric, before falling to Spain's Rafael Nadal, Serbia's Novak Djokovica and Canada's Denis Shapovalov. He had previously not lost a singles match in the competition since falling to Marton Fucsovics in Russia's World Group play-off defeat to Hungary in 2017. He won 2 of the 4 doubles matches he contested alongside Rublev at the 2019 Finals.
- **EVGENY DONSKOY**
  - **Age:** 31 (born 9 May 1990 in Moscow, Russia)
  - **Rankings:** 173 (singles), 646 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup:** Donskoy was nominated for the 2019 Finals but did not play a match. Should he get on court this week, he will bid to end a 3-match Davis Cup losing streak, having not won in the competition since he and Konstantin Kravchuk defeated Johan Brunstrom/Robert Lindstedt in Russia's 5-0 victory in the 2016 Europe/Africa Group I first round.

### Ecuador – Team Information

- **ECUADOR** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals and equal their best Davis Cup performance. They are making their first appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.
- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Ecuador recorded a 3-0 victory over Japan in Miki. Emilio Gomez and Roberto Quiroz both won singles matches on the first day of play before Gonzalo Escobar/Diego Hidalgo defeated Ben McLachlan/Yasutaka Uchiyama in the doubles match to secure Ecuador's place at the Finals.
- Ecuador have **won 3 of their last 4 Davis Cup ties**. Their defeat to Spain on Friday ended a 3-tie Davis Cup winning streak which, in addition to their victory over Japan last year, saw the team record wins against Barbados in 2018 and Venezuela in 2019.
- Ecuador's **best Davis Cup performance** is reaching the quarterfinals in 1985, when they defeated Argentina in the World Group first round before falling to Czechoslovakia in the last 8. They last competed at World Group-level in 2010, falling to Croatia 5-0 in the first round.
- Ecuador are currently ranked No. 24 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. The team reached their highest-ranking of No. 15 in March 2010. They are the lowest-ranked team at the Finals this year.
- **Captain Raul Viver** has been Ecuador captain since 1994 and is the 2nd-longest-serving Davis Cup captain at the Finals, after Tarpishev. He has been captain for 61 ties and has a 36-25 win-loss record as captain. As a player, he competed in 18 Davis Cup ties between 1979 and 1990, and had a 15-13 win-loss record overall.

### Ecuador – Player Information

**Most Davis Cup match-wins by an Ecuadorian player**

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Nicolas Lapentti	61-34
2.	Andres Gomez	51-27
3.	Ricardo Ycaza	28-20
4.	Miguel Olvera	21-29
5=	Giovanni Lapentti	19-28
	Luis Morejon	19-21

**Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by an Ecuadorian player**

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Nicolas Lapentti	41-16
2.	Andres Gomez	31-12
3.	Ricardo Ycaza	17-12
4.	Luis Morejon	16-21
<b>5=</b>	<b>Emilio Gomez</b>	<b>14-8</b>
	Miguel Olvera	14-18
	Raul Viver	14-11

**Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by an Ecuadorian player**

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Andres Gomez	20-15
	Nicolas Lapentti	20-18
3.	Ricardo Ycaza	11-8
4.	Giovanni Lapentti	8-11
5.	Pablo Campana	7-2
	Miguel Olvera	7-11

**Most Davis Cup ties played by an Ecuadorian player**

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Nicolas Lapentti	38
2.	Andres Gomez	37
3.	Giovanni Lapentti	26
4.	Luis Morejon	23
5.	Ricardo Ycaza	21

**Ecuador – Player Information**

Player	DC debut year	DC years played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Emilio Gomez	2010	11	17	14-8	3-6
Roberto Quiroz	2011	9	14	7-5	1-9
Diego Hidalgo	2012	4	6	1-1	3-3
Antonio Cayetano March	2019	1	1	1-0	0-0
Gonzalo Escobar	2013	7	11	4-3	4-3

- **EMILIO GOMEZ**

- **Age:** 29 (born 28 November 1991 in Guayaquil, Ecuador)
- **Rankings:** 148 (singles), 363 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup:** Gomez is bidding to climb the list for most Davis Cup singles match-wins by an Ecuadorian player. He will claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list, ahead of Miguel Olvera and Raul Viver, if he wins a singles match today. He could also equal Giovanni Lapentti and Luis Morejon in 5th place on the list for most total Davis Cup match-wins by an Ecuadorian player if he wins 2 matches this week. He has won 4 of his last 6 Davis Cup singles matches, with his only defeats in the competition in that time coming against Brazil's Thomaz Bellucci in the 2017 Americas Group I second round and against Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta in Ecuador's opening tie at the Finals on Friday.

- **ROBERTO QUIROZ**

- **Age:** 29 (born 23 February 1992 in Guayaquil, Ecuador)
- **Rankings:** 291 (singles), 184 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Delray Beach
- **Davis Cup:** Quiroz has won 4 of his last 6 Davis Cup singles matches with his only defeats in the competition in that time coming against Chile's Nicolas Jarry in the 2018 Americas Group I first round and against Spain's Feliciano Lopez in Ecuador's opening tie at the Finals on Friday. He defeated Yasutaka Uchiyama in a final set tiebreak during Ecuador's victory over Japan in the Qualifiers last year. He has won just one of the 10 Davis Cup doubles matches he has contested, partnering Gomez to a victory against Peru's Mauricio Echazu/Jorge Brian Panta in the 2017 Americas Group I first round.

- **DIEGO HIDALGO**
  - **Age:** 28 (born 18 April 1993 in Guayaquil, Ecuador)
  - **Rankings:** 579 (singles), 166 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup:** Hidalgo has won 3 of the 5 Davis Cup doubles matches he has contested, including winning the 3rd point in Ecuador's victory over Japan in the Qualifiers last year, when he and Escobar defeated Ben McLachlan/Uchiyama in straight sets. The pair fell to Spain's Carreno Busta/Marcel Granollers during Ecuador's opening tie at the Finals on Friday.
- **ANTONIO CAYETANO MARCH**
  - **Age:** 21 (born 3 July 2000)
  - **Rankings:** 700 (singles), 555 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup:** Cayetano March could contest his first live Davis Cup match this week. He made his debut in the competition during Ecuador's Americas Group I victory over Venezuela, defeating Luis David Martinez in a dead singles match. He was nominated for the victory over Japan in last year's Qualifiers but did not play a match.
- **GONZALO ESCOBAR**
  - **Age:** 32 (born 20 January 1989 in Manta, Ecuador)
  - **Rankings:** 746 (singles), 38 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Delray Beach, Marbella; RU Buenos Aires, Belgrade 1, Stuttgart; SF Melbourne 2, Estoril, Geneva, Moscow
  - **Davis Cup:** Escobar has won 4 of the last 6 Davis Cup doubles matches he has contested, including his and Hidalgo's victory over Japan's McLachlan/Uchiyama in last year's Qualifiers. Venezuela. His only defeat in Davis Cup doubles matches during that came when he and Hidalgo fell to Brazil's Marcelo Melo/Bruno Soares in the 2017 Americas Group I second round and when the pair fell to Spain's Carreno Busta/Granollers during Ecuador's opening tie at the Finals on Friday.

## GROUP C – FRANCE v GREAT BRITAIN

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#### Head-to-head: Great Britain lead 12-10

1912	First Round	Grass (O)	Folkestone (GBR)	British Isles d. France 4-1
1914	Semifinal	Grass (O)	Wimbledon (GBR)	Great Britain d. France 4-1
1919	All-comers final	Clay (O)	Deauville (FRA)	Great Britain d. France 3-2
1924	Europe Semifinal	Grass (O)	Eastbourne (GBR)	France d. Great Britain 4-1
1925	Europe Semifinal	Grass (O)	Eastbourne (GBR)	France d. Great Britain 4-0
1926	Europe Final	Clay (O)	Cabourg (FRA)	France d. Great Britain 4-1
1931	Challenge Round	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	France d. Great Britain 3-2
1933	Challenge Round	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	Great Britain d. France 3-2
1939	Europe Quarterfinal	Grass (O)	Wimbledon (GBR)	Great Britain d. France 3-2
1946	Europe First Round	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	France d. Great Britain 5-0
1951	Europe Second Round	Grass (O)	Wimbledon (GBR)	Great Britain d. France 3-2
1957	Europe Quarterfinal	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	Great Britain d. France 3-2
1958	Europe Semifinal	Grass (O)	Manchester (GBR)	Great Britain d. France 5-0
1964	Europe Semifinal	Grass (O)	Bristol (GBR)	France d. Great Britain 3-2
1968	Europe First Round	Clay (O)	Bournemouth (GBR)	Great Britain d. France 3-0
1972	Europe First Round	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	France d. Great Britain 4-1
1976	Europe Semifinal	Grass (O)	Eastbourne (GBR)	Great Britain d. France 4-1
1978	Europe Semifinal	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	Great Britain d. France 3-2
1990	World Group Play-off	Grass (O)	London (GBR)	France d. Great Britain 5-0
1992	World Group First Round	Carpet (I)	Bayonne (FRA)	France d. Great Britain 5-0
2015	World Group Quarterfinal	Grass (O)	London (GBR)	Great Britain d. France 3-1
2017	World Group Quarterfinal	Clay (I)	Rouen (FRA)	France d. Great Britain 4-1

A 23rd meeting for 2 teams which first contested a Davis Cup tie in 1912. Great Britain lead the overall head-to-head, but France have won 3 of their 4 ties since 1990. Both nations recorded a victory over the other en route to their most-recent title victories – with Great Britain defeating France in London in the 2015 quarterfinals, before France defeated Great Britain in Rouen in the 2017 quarterfinals.

France and Great Britain are level in 3rd place on the all-time list for most Davis Cup titles won, having each won the title on 10 occasions. USA (32 titles) and Australia (28) are the only nations to have won the Davis Cup title more often.

FRANCE	v	GREAT BRITAIN
<b>1</b>	<b>Davis Cup Nations Ranking</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Champions 10 times</b>	<b>Best Davis Cup Result</b>	<b>Champions 10 times</b>
<b>1904</b>	<b>First Year Played</b>	<b>1900</b>
<b>101</b>	<b>Seasons Played</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>261</b>	<b>Ties Played</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>171-90</b>	<b>Ties Win-Loss</b>	<b>156-98</b>

#### France – Team Information

- [FRANCE](#) are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 10th time since 2010. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals, having been awarded a wild card for the Finals this year.
- **At the 2019 Finals**, France finished 2nd in Group A recording a 2-1 victory over Japan but falling to Serbia 2-1. It was the first time since 2009 that they had failed to advance to the quarterfinals.
- France have **won the Davis Cup title on 10 previous occasions** – most recently in 2017, when they defeated Belgium in Lille. They have finished runner-up on 9 occasions, including in 2014 (l. Switzerland) and 2018 (l. Croatia).
- France are bidding to win their 11th Davis Cup title and claim sole ownership of **3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup titles**, ahead of Great Britain. They equalled Great Britain in 3rd place on the list after winning their 10th title in 2017.

- France have **won 9 of their last 11 Davis Cup ties** – including their victory against Czech Republic in their opening tie on Thursday. The team’s 7-tie winning streak came to an end after defeat to Croatia in the 2018 Final, and they have since defeated Japan and fallen to Serbia at the Finals in 2019.
- France regained the No. 1 position on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking** for the first time since July 2004 after winning their 10th title in November 2017 and have remained at No. 1 since then. They are one of 8 nations to have held the No. 1 ranking, alongside Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Russia and Spain.
- **Captain Sebastian Grosjean** took over as captain ahead of the 2019 season and has a 2-1 win-loss record in his time at the helm, with France having finished in 2nd place in their group at the 2019 Finals. As a player, Grosjean made his Davis Cup debut in 1999 and competed in 16 ties, compiling a 16-10 overall win-loss record. He was part of the French teams that won the title in 2001 and finished runner-up in 1999 and 2002.

### France – Historical Information

#### Most Davis Cup match-wins by a French player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Pierre Darmon	47-21
2.	Henri Cochet	44-14
3.	Francois Jauffret	43-27
4.	Henri Leconte	41-25
5.	Rene Lacoste	40-11

#### Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a French player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Pierre Darmon	44-17
2=	Henri Cochet	34-8
	Francois Jauffret	34-17
4.	Rene Lacoste	32-8
5.	Robert Haillet	29-13

#### Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a French player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Jacques Brugnon	22-9
2.	Guy Forget	21-4
3.	Michael Llodra	20-8
4.	Paul Remy	18-6
5=	Jean Borotra	17-6
	Henri Leconte	17-5

#### Most Davis Cup ties played by a French player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Francois Jauffret	36
2.	Pierre Darmon	34
3.	Jean Borotra	32
4.	Jacques Brugnon	31
5=	Henri Leconte	28
	Michael Llodra	28

### France – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Arthur Rinderknech	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Adrian Mannarino	2018	2	2	2-1	0-0
Richard Gasquet	2005	12	21	14-11	4-2
Pierre-Hugues Herbert	2016	5	11	0-1	10-1
Nicolas Mahut	2015	5	12	1-2	12-2

- **ARTHUR RINDERKNECH**
  - **Age:** 26 (born 23 July 1995 in Gassin, France)
  - **Rankings:** 58 (singles), 131 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** SF Kitzbuhel; QF Marseille, Lyon, Bastad, Gstaad, Antwerp, Stockholm
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Metz; SF Gstaad
  - **Davis Cup:** Rinderknech could make his Davis Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time. He did not play during France's victory over Czech Republic on Thursday.
  
- **ADRIAN MANNARINO**
  - **Age:** 33 (born 29 June 1988 in Soisy-Sous-Montmorency, France)
  - **Rankings:** 71 (singles), 162 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** SF Mallorca; QF Singapore, Moscow
  - **Davis Cup:** Mannarino made his 2nd Davis Cup appearance during France's victory over Czech Republic on Thursday, coming from a set down to defeat Jiri Vesely in 3 sets in the 2nd match of the tie. He had previously contested just one tie in the competition – he fell to Thiemo de Bakker before defeating Robin Haase in 5 sets during France's 2018 World Group first round victory over Netherlands.
  
- **RICHARD GASQUET**
  - **Age:** 35 (born 18 June 1986 in Beziers, France)
  - **Rankings:** 86 (singles), unranked (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** RU Umag; QF Lyon, Parma, Winston-Salem
  - **Davis Cup:** Gasquet made first Davis Cup appearance since 2018 on Thursday, falling to Tomas Machac in the opening match of France's victory over Czech Republic. His last appearance in the competition came during the 2018 semifinals, when he fell to Albert Ramos-Vinolas in a dead singles match. He was a member of the French teams which won the 2017 final – in which he and Herbert defeated Belgium's Ruben Bemelmans/Joris de Loore in the doubles match – and which finished runners-up to Switzerland in the 2014 final, in which he fell to Roger Federer in the final match of the tie.
  
- **PIERRE-HUGUES HERBERT**
  - **Age:** 30 (born 18 March 1991 in Schiltigheim, France)
  - **Rankings:** 110 (singles), 8 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** RU Marseille
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Roland Garros, Queen's, ATP Finals; RU Lyon, Paris; SF Acapulco; QF Australian Open, US Open
  - **Davis Cup:** Herbert has won 10 of the 11 Davis Cup doubles matches he has contested – with his only Davis Cup defeat coming when he and Mahut fell to Marin Cilic/Ivan Dodig in France's semifinal defeat to Croatia in 2016. He won doubles matches in both the 2017 and 2018 Davis Cup finals, alongside Gasquet as France defeated Belgium in 2017 and alongside Mahut as France fell to Croatia in 2018. He and Mahut also won both matches they contested at the 2019 Finals, and their opening match at the 2021, recovering from a set down to defeat Czech Republic's Jiri Lehecka/Machac on Thursday.
  
- **NICOLAS MAHUT**
  - **Age:** 39 (born 21 January 1982 in Angers, France)
  - **Rankings:** 400 (singles), 5 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Roland Garros, Queen's, Antwerp, ATP Finals; RU Lyon, Paris; SF Acapulco; QF Australian Open, US Open
  - **Davis Cup:** Mahut is bidding to extend a 10-match winning streak in Davis Cup doubles matches. He has not been defeated in a Davis Cup doubles clash since he and Herbert fell to Cilic/Dodig in France's semifinal defeat to Croatia in 2016. He and Herbert defeated Dodig/Mate Pavic in the doubles match in the 2018 Davis Cup Final. The pair also won both matches they contested at the 2019 Finals, and their opening match at the 2021, recovering from a set down to defeat Czech Republic's Lehecka/Machac on Thursday.

## Great Britain – Team Information

- **GREAT BRITAIN** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 6th time since 2014. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.
- **At the 2019 Finals**, Great Britain reached the semifinals, after defeating Netherlands and Kazakhstan in the group stages and Germany in the quarterfinals. They fell to Spain in the quarterfinals, with Jamie Murray/Neal Skupski falling to Marcel Granollers/Rafael Nadal in the decisive doubles match. As semifinalists in 2019, they qualified automatically for the Finals this year.
- Great Britain are competing in the Davis Cup for the 109th season. They are the **only nation to have competed in every edition of the Davis Cup** since 1900.
- In 2015, **Great Britain won the Davis Cup title for the first time since 1936** – in their first Final appearance since 1978 – after defeating Belgium 3-1 in the Final in Ghent. It was their 10th Davis Cup title. Great Britain and France are in joint-3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup titles behind USA (32) and Australia (28).
- Great Britain are currently ranked No. 10 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. They are one of 8 nations to rank No. 1 since the rankings were introduced in 2001 (alongside Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Russia and Spain), having reached the position for the first time after winning the title in 2015.
- **Captain Leon Smith** never played Davis Cup for Great Britain, but his 11 years as captain have seen the Brits achieve their best results in the competition in modern times. Smith guided the team to the Davis Cup title in 2015 – their first in 79 years – and, having also led the team to a semifinal finishes in 2016 and 2019 and quarterfinal finishes in 2014 and 2017, has firmly re-established the team as Davis Cup title contenders. He has a 19-6 win-loss record since becoming captain in 2010.

## Great Britain – Historical Information

### Most Davis Cup match-wins by a British player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Fred Perry	45-7
2.	Mike Sangster	43-22
3.	Bobby Wilson	41-20
4=	Tim Henman	40-14
	Andy Murray	40-8

### Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a British player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Bunny Austin	36-12
2.	Fred Perry	34-4
3.	Andy Murray	31-3
4=	Tim Henman	29-8
	Mike Sangster	29-19

### Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a British player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Bobby Wilson	25-8
2.	Jamie Murray	14-6
	Mike Sangster	14-3
3.	Patrick Hughes	13-7
5=	Tim Henman	11-6
	John Lloyd	11-5
	Tony Mottram	11-7
	Fred Perry	11-3

### Most Davis Cup ties played by a British player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Bobby Wilson	34
2.	Mike Sangster	26
3.	Bunny Austin	24
4.	John Lloyd	23
5=	Tim Henman	21
	Patrick Hughes	21
	Billy Knight	21
	Andy Murray	21

### Great Britain – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Cameron Norrie	2018	1	2	2-2	0-0
Daniel Evans	2009	9	16	8-17	0-0
Liam Broady	2018	1	1	0-1	0-0
Joe Salisbury	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Neal Skupski	2019	1	3	0-0	2-1

#### • [CAMERON NORRIE](#)

- **Age:** 26 (born 23 August 1995 in Johannesburg, South Africa)
- **Rankings:** 12 (singles), 148 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Los Cabos, Indian Wells; RU Estoril, Lyon, Queen's, San Diego; SF Delray Beach; QF Acapulco, Barcelona, Atlanta
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Queen's
- **Davis Cup:** Norrie's 2 Davis Cup appearances to date both came during the 2018 season – he won one match and lost one match in both Great Britain's defeat to Spain in the World Group first round and in Great Britain's victory over Uzbekistan in the World Group play-offs. He recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Roberto Bautista Agut in 5 sets before falling to Albert Ramos-Vinolas during the defeat to Spain. He then surrendered a 2-0 lead in a 5-set defeat to Jurabek Karimov before defeating Sanjar Fayziev in the win over Uzbekistan.

#### • [DANIEL EVANS](#)

- **Age:** 31 (born 23 May 1990 in Birmingham, Great Britain)
- **Rankings:** 25 (singles), 59 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Melbourne 2; SF Monte Carlo; QF Queen's, Stockholm; R16 US Open
- **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Miami, Monte Carlo; SF Sardinia
- **Davis Cup:** Evans won one of the 4 matches he contested at the 2019 Finals, falling to both Netherlands' Robin Haase and Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik in the group stages and to Spain's Rafael Nadal in the semifinals, but defeating Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff in the quarterfinals. He played during Great Britain's title-winning season in 2015, but lost both of the matches in the semifinal against Australia and did not play in the Final.

#### • [LIAM BROADY](#)

- **Age:** 27 (born 4 January 1994 in Stockport, Great Britain)
- **Rankings:** 128 (singles), 243 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup:** Broady could make his 2nd Davis Cup appearance this week. His only previous appearance in the competition came in Great Britain's 2018 World Group first round defeat to Spain, when he fell to Ramos-Vinolas in straight sets in the opening match of the tie.

#### • [JOE SALISBURY](#)

- **Age:** 29 (born 20 April 1992 in London, Great Britain)
- **Rankings:** unranked (singles), 3 (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Toronto, US Open, San Diego; RU Australian Open, Rome, Eastbourne, Vienna, ATP Finals; SF Acapulco, Miami, Barcelona, Wimbledon
- **Davis Cup:** Salisbury could make his Davis Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

- **NEAL SKUPSKI**
  - **Age:** 31 (born 1 December 1989 in Liverpool, Great Britain)
  - **Rankings:** unranked (singles), 20 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Acapulco, San Diego; RU Miami, Monte Carlo, Washington
  - **Davis Cup:** Skupski made his Davis Cup debut at the 2019 Finals. He partnered Jamie Murray to 2 victories in the group stages, defeating both Netherlands' Wesley Koolhof/Jean-Julien Rojer and Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik/Mikhail Kukushkin. The pair then fell to Spain's Feliciano Lopez/Rafael Nadal in the decisive doubles match of the semifinal. His older brother, Ken, competed in 2 Davis Cup ties in 2010, partnering Colin Fleming to 2 doubles victories in ties against Lithuania and Turkey.

## GROUP F – SERBIA v GERMANY

### INNSBRUCK – NOT BEFORE 1600 CET

#### Head-to-head: first meeting

A first Davis Cup meeting for Serbia and Germany. Yugoslavia and Germany met 5 times in the competition between 1936 and 1988, with Germany leading the head-to-head 4-1.

SERBIA	v	GERMANY
7	<b>Davis Cup Nations Ranking</b>	8
<b>Champions 2010</b>	<b>Best Davis Cup Result</b>	<b>Champions 3 times</b>
1995*	<b>First Year Played</b>	1913**
26*	<b>Seasons Played</b>	85**
68	<b>Ties Played</b>	229
47-21	<b>Ties Win-Loss</b>	148-81

\*Prior to 1995, Serbian players represented Yugoslavia.  
Serbia competed as Yugoslavia between 1995 and 2003, and as Serbia & Montenegro between 2004 and 2006.  
\*\*Germany competed as F.R. Germany between 1961 and 1990

#### Serbia – Team Information

- **SERBIA** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 2nd consecutive year and for the 5th time since 2015. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals, having been awarded a wild card for the Finals this year.
- **At the 2019 Finals**, Serbia reached the quarterfinals after defeating both France and Japan to finish in first place in Group A. They fell to Russia in the quarterfinals, with Karen Khachanov/Andrey Rublev defeating Novak Djokovic/Viktor Troicki in a final set tiebreak in the decisive doubles match.
- Serbia are bidding to **win their 2nd Davis Cup title**. They won their only Davis Cup title to date in 2010, defeating France 3-2 having trailed 2-1 going into the final day. They also finished as runners-up in 2013, falling to Czech Republic in the final.
- Serbia **first competed in Davis Cup in 1995** under the Yugoslav flag. Yugoslavia was renamed Serbia & Montenegro in 2004 before Serbia became an independent nation in 2007. Before 1995, Serbian players represented former Yugoslavia, who reached the World Group semifinals three times in 1988-89 and 1991.
- Serbia have **won 9 of their last 10 hard court ties** – including their victory over Austria in their opening tie at the Finals this year. Their defeat to Russia in the 2019 quarterfinals ended an 8-tie winning streak on hard courts. They had previously not lost a hard court tie since falling to Switzerland 3-2 in the 2014 World Group first round in Novi Sad.
- Serbia are currently ranked at No. 7 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest ranking is No. 2, which it reached for the first time after winning the title in 2010.
- **Captain Viktor Troicki** makes his debut as captain just 2 years on from his last appearance as a player, and won his first match in charge on Friday, guiding Serbia to victory over Austria on Friday. In his final Davis Cup appearance as a player, he and Djokovic fell to Russia's Khachanov/Rublev in a 3rd set tiebreak in a decisive doubles match in the 2019 quarterfinals. He competed in 24 ties as a player and had a 24-16 win-loss record – the 4th-highest of any Serbian player since 1995, after former captain Nenad Zimonjic, Djokovic and Janko Tipsarevic.

#### Serbia – Historical Information

##### Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Serbian player\*

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Nenad Zimonjic	43-41
2.	Janko Tipsarevic	42-19
<b>3.</b>	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>38-11</b>
4.	Viktor Troicki	24-16
5.	Dusan Vemic	20-9

### Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Serbian player\*

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>35-7</b>
2.	Janko Tipsarevic	34-15
3.	Viktor Troicki	17-11
4.	Nenad Zimonjic	13-12
5.	Dusan Vemic	11-4

### Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Serbian player\*

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Nenad Zimonjic	30-19
2.	Dusan Vemic	9-5
3.	Janko Tipsarevic	8-4
4.	Viktor Troicki	7-5
5.	Nebojsa Djordjevic	5-4

### Most Davis Cup ties played by a Serbian player\*

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Nenad Zimonjic	55
2.	Janko Tipsarevic	37
3.	<b>Novak Djokovic</b>	<b>29</b>
4.	Viktor Troicki	24
5.	Dusan Vemic	18

\*records apply only to the Serbian team that has competed since 1995

## Serbia – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC years played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Novak Djokovic	2004	14	29	35-7	3-4
Dusan Lajovic	2012	9	12	11-8	0-0
Filip Krajinovic	2014	6	11	8-3	1-3
Miomir Kecmanovic	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Nikola Cacic	2021	1	1	0-0	1-0

### • [NOVAK DJOKOVIC](#)

- **Age:** 34 (born 22 May 1987 in Belgrade, Serbia)
- **Rankings:** 1 (singles), 251 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Australian Open, Belgrade 2, Roland Garros, Wimbledon, Paris; RU Rome, US Open; SF Belgrade 1, ATP Finals
- **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Mallorca
- **Davis Cup:** Djokovic extended his Davis Cup singles winning streak to 16 matches after defeating Dennis Novak during Serbia's victory over Austria on Friday. He has not lost a singles match in the competition since retiring against Juan Martin del Potro in Serbia's 2011 semifinal defeat to Argentina – including victories in all 3 singles matches he contested at the 2019 Finals. He and Viktor Troicki lost a decisive doubles match in a final set tiebreak to Russia's Karen Khachanov/Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals. He has won all 4 matches he has played in Davis Cup finals – as part of the teams that defeated France to win the title in 2010 and finished runners-up to Czech Republic in 2013.

### • [DUSAN LAJOVIC](#)

- **Age:** 31 (born 30 June 1990 in Belgrade, Serbia)
- **Rankings:** 33 (singles), 205 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Belgrade 2, Hamburg, Umag; R16 Australian Open
- **Davis Cup:** Lajovic made his first Davis Cup appearance since the 2019 Qualifiers during Serbia's victory over Austria on Friday, defeating Gerald Melzer in 3 sets. He was nominated for the 2019 Finals but did not play a match. He competed in Serbia's 2013 Davis Cup Final defeat to Czech Republic, falling in straight sets to both Tomas Berdych and Radek Stepanek

- **FILIP KRAJINOVIC**
  - **Age:** 27 (born 27 February 1992 in Sombor, Serbia)
  - **Rankings:** 42 (singles), 290 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** RU Hamburg; SF Sofia; QF Belgrade 1, Munich, Umag, Kitzbuhel
  - **Davis Cup:** Krajinovic has won 4 of his last 5 Davis Cup singles matches. He defeated both Denis Istomin and Sanjar Fayziev in Serbia's victory over Uzbekistan in the 2019 Qualifiers before winning his opening 2 matches at the 2019 Finals, defeating both Japan's Yuichi Sugita and France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in straight sets. He fell to Rublev in the opening match of the Serbia's quarterfinal defeat to Russia. He won his first Davis Cup doubles match during Serbia's victory over Austria on Friday, partnering Cacic to a win against Oliver Marach/Philipp Oswald.
- **MIOMIR KECMANOVIC**
  - **Age:** 22 (born 31 August 1999 in Belgrade, Serbia)
  - **Rankings:** 68 (singles), 274 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** SF Buenos Aires; QF Melbourne 1, Belgrade 1
  - **Davis Cup:** Kecmanovic could make his Davis Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.
- **NIKOLA CACIC**
  - **Age:** 30 (born 7 December 1990)
  - **Rankings:** 1540 (singles), 36 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Buenos Aires; RU Marbella, Umag, Moscow; SF Belgrade 1, Kitzbuhel, Metz; QF Roland Garros
  - **Davis Cup:** Cacic made his Davis Cup debut during Serbia's victory over Austria on Friday. He and Krajinovic defeated Marach/Oswald in 3 sets in the doubles match.

### Germany – Team Information

- **GERMANY** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 3rd consecutive season. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.
- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Germany defeated Belarus 4-1 in Dusseldorf, with 2 singles victories for Jan-Lennard Struff and a doubles triumph for Kevin Krawietz/Andreas Mies securing their place at the Finals this year.
- **At the 2019 Finals**, Germany won both of their ties in Group C, defeating Argentina 3-0 and Chile 2-1, to finish top of the group and advance to the quarterfinals. They fell to Great Britain 2-0 in the quarterfinals, with Philipp Kohlschreiber falling to Kyle Edmund and Struff falling to Daniel Evans.
- Germany have **won 5 of their last 6 Davis Cup ties played on hard courts**. Their only defeat in a hard court tie that time came against Great Britain in the quarterfinals last year, ending Germany's 4-tie winning streak on hard courts.
- Germany have won **3 Davis Cup titles**, most recently in 1993 when they defeated Australia. They also won the title in 1988-89, defeating Sweden on both occasions – it is one of only 8 successful Davis Cup title defences since the abolition of the Challenge Round in 1972.
- Germany are currently ranked No. 8 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking** – just 3 places below their best ranking of No. 5, which they first achieved in December 2007.
- **Captain Michael Kohlmann** became German Davis Cup captain in 2015 and has a 7-5 win-loss record as captain. He guided Germany to a quarterfinal finish at the 2019 Finals, recording victories against Argentina and Chile before falling to Great Britain. He competed in 6 ties as a player between 2000 and 2007 and had a 4-4 win-loss record in the competition.

## Germany – Historical Information

### Most Davis Cup match-wins by a German player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Gottfried von Cramm	82-19
2.	Wilhelm Bungert	66-36
3.	Boris Becker	54-12
4.	Christian Kuhnke	51-23
5.	Henner Henkel	49-17

### Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a German player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Gottfried von Cramm	58-10
2.	Wilhelm Bungert	52-27
3.	Boris Becker	38-3
4.	Christian Kuhnke	35-15
5.	Henner Henkel	33-13

### Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a German player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Gottfried von Cramm	24-9
2=	Boris Becker	16-9
	Henner Henkel	16-4
	Christian Kuhnke	16-8
5=	Wilhelm Bungert	14-9
	Jurgen Fassbender	14-8
	Michael Stich	14-2

### Most Davis Cup ties played by a German player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Wilhelm Bungert	43
2.	Gottfried von Cramm	37
3.	Christian Kuhnke	32
4.	Boris Becker	28
5.	Henner Henkel	27

## Germany – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Jan-Lennard Struff	2015	6	10	7-5	4-0
Dominik Koepfer	2020	1	1	1-0	0-0
Peter Gojowczyk	2014	1	1	1-1	0-0
Kevin Krawietz	2019	2	3	0-0	3-0
Tim Puetz	2017	3	4	0-0	4-0

### • [JAN-LENNARD STRUFF](#)

- **Age:** 31 (born 25 April 1990 in Warstein, Germany)
- **Rankings:** 51 (singles), 68 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Munich; SF St Petersburg; QF Antalya, Sardinia, Parma; R16 Roland Garros
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Dubai
- **Davis Cup:** Struff defeated both Ilya Ivashka and Egor Gerasimov in Germany's victory over Belarus in the 2020 Qualifiers. He won one of the 3 matches he contested at the 2019 Finals, defeating Argentina's Diego Schwartzman at the Finals but falling to Chile's Cristian Garin and Great Britain's Daniel Evans. He is unbeaten in 4 Davis Cup doubles matches.

- **DOMINIK KOEPFER**
  - **Age:** 27 (born 29 April 1994 in Furtwangen, Germany)
  - **Rankings:** 54 (singles), 105 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** SF Acapulco; QF Geneva
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Cordoba, Buenos Aires, Munich, Vienna
  - **Davis Cup:** Koepfer made his Davis Cup debut during Germany's victory over Belarus in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating Daniil Ostapenkov in a dead singles match. He was nominated for the 2019 Davis Cup Finals but did not contest a match.
- **PETER GOJOWCZYK**
  - **Age:** 32 (born 15 July 1989 in Munich, Germany)
  - **Rankings:** 85 (singles), 525 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** SF Montpellier, Metz; QF Newport; R16 US Open
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Munich
  - **Davis Cup:** Gojowczyk returns to the German Davis Cup team for the first time since 2014, when he made his debut in the competition during Germany's quarterfinal defeat to France. He played 2 singles matches on that occasion, defeating Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in 5 sets before falling to Gael Monfils in the decisive 5th match.
- **KEVIN KRAWIETZ**
  - **Age:** 29 (born 24 January 1992 in Coburg, Germany)
  - **Ranking:** 852 (singles), 14 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Munich, Halle; RU Rotterdam, Barcelona, Hamburg; SF Dubai, Toronto; QF Roland Garros, US Open
  - **Davis Cup:** Krawietz made his Davis Cup debut at the 2019 Finals and has won all 3 matches he has contested in the competition. He and Andreas Mies defeated both Argentina's Maximo Gonzalez/Leonardo Mayer and Chile's Marcelo Tomas Barrios Vera/Alejandro Tabilo at the Finals before defeating Belarus' Ivashka/Andrei Vasilevski in the 2020 Qualifiers. The victory against Gonzalez/Mayer was, at 3 hours 18 minutes, the longest match at the Davis Cup Finals to date and also featured the longest tiebreak in Davis Cup history (38 points).
- **TIM PUETZ**
  - **Age:** 34 (born 19 November 1987 in Frankfurt, Germany)
  - **Rankings:** 1196 (singles), 18 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Estoril, Lyon, Hamburg, Paris; SF Marbella, Madrid, Halle, Indian Wells; QF Roland Garros
  - **Davis Cup:** Puetz is bidding to maintain his perfect record in Davis Cup matches, having won all 4 matches he has contested in the competition. He won his first 3 Davis Cup matches in 5 sets, before recording a straight sets win in his most-recent appearance in the competition, when he and Struff defeated Gabor Borsas/Peter Nagy in Germany's victory over Hungary in the 2019 Qualifiers.

## GROUP D – AUSTRALIA v HUNGARY

TURIN – 1000 CET

### Head-to-head: Hungary lead 1-0

1995 World Group play-off Clay (O) Budapest (HUN) Hungary d. Australia 3-2

A 2nd Davis Cup meeting for Australia and Hungary. On their only previous encounter, a World Group play-off in Budapest in 1995, Hungary recorded a surprise 3-2 victory, with Jozsef Krocsko defeating Mark Philippoussis in the decisive 5th match. Current Hungarian captain Gabor Koves played in the doubles match alongside Laszlo Markovits – the pair led Todd Woodbridge/Mark Woodforde 2-0 before falling in 5 sets.

AUSTRALIA	v	HUNGARY
11	<b>Davis Cup Nations Ranking</b>	23
<b>Champions 28 times</b>	<b>Best Davis Cup Result</b>	World Group 3 times; Finals 2021
1905	<b>First Year Played</b>	1921
101	<b>Seasons Played</b>	86
264	<b>Ties Played</b>	171
191-73	<b>Ties Win-Loss</b>	85-86

### Australia – Team Information

- [AUSTRALIA](#) are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 4th time since 2015. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.
- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Australia defeated Brazil 3-1 in Adelaide, with John Millman defeating Thiago Monteiro in the 4th match to secure their place at the Finals.
- **At the 2019 Finals**, Australia won both of their ties in Group D at the Finals, defeating Colombia 3-0 and Belgium 2-1, to finish top of the group and advance to the quarterfinals. They fell to Canada 2-1 in the quarterfinals, with Vasek Pospisil/Denis Shapovalov defeating John Peers/Jordan Thompson in the decisive doubles match.
- Australia are **28-time Davis Cup champions**, having won the title more than any other nation except USA, who have won 32 Davis Cup titles. They won their most recent title in 2003, defeating Spain 3-1 in the final in Melbourne. Since then, their best performance has been reaching the semifinals on 3 occasions – in 2006 (l. Argentina), 2015 (l. Great Britain) and 2017 (l. Belgium).
- Australia are ranked No. 11 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. They are one of only 8 nations (alongside Argentina, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Great Britain, Russia and Spain) to have been ranked No. 1 since the Davis Cup Nations Ranking was introduced, having held the top position when the rankings were launched in December 2001 and again in December 2003-February 2004.
- **Captain Lleyton Hewitt** has led the team in 13 ties since taking over from Wally Masur in 2016. He has a 7-6 win-loss record as captain, with the highlight of his captaincy to date being the team's run to the semifinals in 2017. Hewitt was part of title-winning teams in 1999 and 2003, and holds multiple Davis Cup records for Australia, including most total wins (59), most singles wins (42), most ties played (43) and most seasons played (19).

### Australia – Historical Information

#### Most Davis Cup match-wins by an Australian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Lleyton Hewitt	59-21
2.	Adrian Quist	43-13
3.	John Bromwich	39-12
4.	Jack Crawford	36-21
5.	Roy Emerson	34-4

**Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by an Australian player**

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Lleyton Hewitt	42-13
2.	Adrian Quist	24-10
3=	Pat Cash Jack Crawford	23-7 23-16
5=	Roy Emerson Gerald Patterson	21-2 21-10

**Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by an Australian player**

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Todd Woodbridge	25-7
2.	John Bromwich	20-1
3.	Adrian Quist	19-3
4=	Lleyton Hewitt Mark Woodforde	17-7 17-5

**Most Davis Cup ties played by an Australian player**

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Lleyton Hewitt	43
2.	Todd Woodbridge	32
3.	Adrian Quist	28
4.	Mark Woodforde	24
5=	John Bromwich Jack Crawford John Fitzgerald	23 23 23

**Australia – Player Information**

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Alex de Minaur	2018	3	7	4-4	0-1
Alexei Popyrin	2019	2	2	1-1	0-0
John Millman	2017	3	4	3-2	0-0
Alex Bolt	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
John Peers	2016	5	13	0-0	6-7

- **[ALEX DE MINAUR](#)**

- **Age:** 22 (born 17 February 1999 in Sydney, Australia)
- **Rankings:** 34 (singles), 133 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Antalya, Eastbourne; SF Queen's; QF Stuttgart
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Queen's
- **Davis Cup:** De Minaur's 4-match Davis Cup winning streak ended during Australia's loss to Croatia on Thursday after a singles defeat to Marin Cilic and a defeat in doubles alongside John Peers against Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic. He lost the first 3 matches he contested in the competition, before winning all 4 of the matches he played during the 2019 season, as Australia reached the quarterfinals. At the 2019 Finals, he defeated both Colombia's Daniel Elahi Galan and Belgium's David Goffin in the group stages and Canada's Denis Shapovalov in the quarterfinals.

- **[ALEXEI POPYRIN](#)**

- **Age:** 22 (born 5 August 1999 in Sydney, Australia)
- **Rankings:** 61 (singles), 336 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Singapore
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Atlanta
- **Davis Cup:** Popyrin made his 2nd Davis Cup appearance in Australia's defeat to Croatia on Thursday. He fell to Borna Gojo in straight sets in the opening match of the tie. He made his debut in Australia's 2019 Qualifiers victory over Bosnia and Herzegovina, defeating Nerman Fatic in a dead singles match.

- **JOHN MILLMAN**
  - **Age:** 32 (born 14 June 1989 in Brisbane, Australia)
  - **Rankings:** 72 (singles), 197 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** QF Munich, Washington, Nur-Sultan, Sofia, Moscow, St Petersburg
  - **Davis Cup:** Millman recorded his first Davis Cup match-win in Australia's 2019 Qualifiers victory against Bosnia and Herzegovina, defeating Damir Dzumhur in straight sets, and recorded 2 more match-wins in Australia's 2020 Qualifiers victory over Brazil, defeating both Thiago Seyboth Wild and Thiago Monteiro in 3 sets. He lost the only match he contested at the 2019 Finals, falling to Canada's Vasek Pospisil in the opening match of the quarterfinals.
  
- **ALEX BOLT**
  - **Age:** 28 (born 5 January 1993 in Murray Bridge, Australia)
  - **Rankings:** 135 (singles), 743 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** QF Los Cabos
  - **Davis Cup:** Bolt could make his Davis Cup debut this week. He was nominated for the first time for Australia's victory over Brazil in the 2020 Qualifiers, but did not contest a match. He was also originally nominated to play doubles in Australia's tie against Croatia on Thursday but was replaced by De Minaur.
  
- **JOHN PEERS**
  - **Age:** 33 (born 25 July 1988 in Melbourne, Australia)
  - **Rankings:** unranked (singles), 13 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Geneva, Indian Wells; RU Queen's, San Diego; SF Rome, US Open, Vienna, Paris
  - **Davis Cup:** Peers has won one of the last 5 Davis Cup matches he has contested, with his only victory in that time coming when he and Jordan Thompson defeated Colombia's Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah in the group stages at the 2019 Finals. He and De Minaur fell to Mektić/Pavić during Australia's defeat to Croatia in their opening tie of the Finals on Thursday. He has contested the doubles match in every Davis Cup tie Australia have played since the 2016 World Group first round.

### Hungary – Team Information

- **HUNGARY** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the first time. They are making their first appearance at the Davis Cup Finals
- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Hungary defeated Belgium 3-2 in Debrecen. The team recovered from 1-2 down to secure their place at the Finals, with Attila Balazs defeating Kimmer Coppejans and Marton Fucsovics defeating Ruben Bemelmans on the 2nd day of the tie to secure their place at the Finals this year.
- Hungary are bidding to record **their first victories in hard court ties since 2017**, when they defeated Slovakia in a Europe/Africa Group I tie in Bratislava. They have lost both hard court ties they have contested since then, falling to Belgium in 2018 and Germany in 2019.
- By reaching the Finals this year, Hungary have equalled their **best Davis Cup performance**. Prior to this season, they contested the World Group on 3 occasions – in 1994, when they fell to France in the first round, 1996, when they fell to Czech Republic in the first round, and 2018, when they fell to Belgium in the first round.
- Hungary are ranked No. 23 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking** – 5 places lower than their highest-ever ranking of No. 18, which they reached for the first time after defeating Russia in the 2017 World Group play-offs.
- **Captain Gabor Koves** became Hungarian Davis Cup captain in 2017 and has led the team to 4 wins in 7 ties since then. He competed in 16 ties as a player between 1988 and 2001, earning a 10-6 win-loss record in the competition.

## Hungary – Historical Information

### Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Hungarian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Balazs Taroczy	76-19
2.	Istvan Gulyas	34-27
<b>3=</b>	Kornel Bardoczky <b>Marton Fucsovics</b>	29-20 <b>29-16</b>
5.	Peter Szoke	26-21

### Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Hungarian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Balazs Taroczy	50-12
2.	Istvan Gulyas	27-17
3.	Bela von Kehrling	22-9
<b>4.</b>	<b>Marton Fucsovics</b>	<b>21-9</b>
5.	Jozsef Asboth	18-12

### Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Hungarian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Balazs Taroczy	26-7
2.	Peter Szoke	17-6
3.	Kornel Bardoczky	12-7
4.	Gabor Kover	10-6
5=	Robert Machan Laszlo Markovits	9-6 9-8

### Most Davis Cup ties played by a Hungarian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Balazs Taroczy	33
2.	Kornel Bardoczky	28
3.	Peter Szoke	27
4.	Gergely Kisgyorgy	24
5.	Istvan Gulyas	22

## Hungary – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Marton Fucsovics	2010	11	20	21-9	8-7
Attila Balazs	2009	9	14	12-10	7-3
Zsombor Piros	2018	2	3	2-2	0-0
Fabian Marozsan	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Mate Valkusz	2018	1	1	0-2	0-0

- **[MARTON FUCSOVICS](#)**

- **Age:** 29 (born 8 February 1992 in Nyiregyhaza, Hungary)
- **Rankings:** 40 (singles), 311 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Rotterdam; QF Doha, Dubai, Wimbledon, Antwerp
- **Davis Cup:** Fucsovics will become the 3rd Hungarian player to record 30 Davis Cup match-wins, after Balazs Taroczy and Istvan Gulyas, if he wins a match this week. He will also equal Bela von Kehrling in 3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Hungarian player if he wins one singles match this week and claim sole ownership of 3rd place on the list if he wins 2 matches. He won both singles matches he played during Hungary's victory over Belgium in the 2020 Qualifiers, including a 3-set win against Ruben Bemelmans in the decisive 5th match of the tie.

- **ATTILA BALAZS**
  - **Age:** 31 (born 27 September 1988 in Budapest, Hungary)
  - **Rankings:** 131 (singles), 900 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup:** Balazs has won one of his last 7 Davis Cup singles matches, with his only victory in that time coming against Belgium's Kimmer Coppejans in the 2020 Qualifiers. He will become the 11th Hungarian player to record 20 Davis Cup match-wins if he wins a match this week.
- **ZSOMBOR PIROS**
  - **Age:** 22 (born 13 October 1999 in Budapest, Hungary)
  - **Rankings:** 282 (singles), 1432 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup:** Piros lost his most-recent Davis Cup match, falling to Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber in the 2019 Qualifiers. His only victory in a live match in the competition came against Czech Republic's Jiri Vesely in the 2018 World Group play-offs, when he won in 5 sets. He was nominated for the 2020 Qualifiers victory over Belgium but did not contest a match in the tie.
- **FABIAN MAROZSAN**
  - **Age:** 22 (born 8 October 1999)
  - **Rankings:** 359 (singles), 566 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup:** Marozsan could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the 3rd time. He was also nominated for Hungary's ties against Ukraine in 2019 and Belgium in 2020 but did not contest a match in either tie.
- **MATE VALKUSZ**
  - **Age:** 23 (born 13 August 1998 in Budapest, Hungary)
  - **Rankings:** 430 (singles), 1030 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup:** Valkusz could make his 2nd Davis Cup appearance this week. His only previous appearance in the competition came in Hungary's defeat to Czech Republic in the 2018 World Group play-offs when he fell to both Lukas Rosol and Jiri Vesely.

## GROUP E – ITALY v COLOMBIA

### TURIN – NOT BEFORE 1600 CET

#### Head-to-head: first meeting

ITALY	v	COLOMBIA
9	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	19
Champions 1976	Best Davis Cup Result	Finals 2019, 2021
1922	First Year Played	1959
90	Seasons Played	53
255	Ties Played	112
166-89	Ties Win-Loss	58-54

#### Italy – Team Information

- [ITALY](#) are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 4th time since 2018. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.
- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Italy defeated Korea, Republic 4-0 in Cagliari, with a doubles victory for Simone Bolelli/Fabio Fognini securing their place at the Finals this year.
- **At the 2019 Finals**, Italy fell to both Canada 2-1 and USA 2-1, finishing in 3rd place in Group F. It was the first time they had failed to reach the quarterfinals since 2015, when they fell to Kazakhstan in the World Group first round.
- Italy were crowned **Davis Cup champions in 1976**, defeating Chile in the final, and have finished as runners-up on 6 further occasions – most recently in 1998, when they fell to Sweden.
- Italy's Nicola Pietrangeli is the **leading all-time Davis Cup player**. He holds the record for playing the most matches (164), as well as the records for the most wins in both singles (78-32) and doubles (42-12). He also forms half of the most successful doubles partnership with Orlando Sirola (34-8).
- Italy are currently ranked No. 9 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. Their best ranking is No. 6, attained in April 2014.
- **Captain Filippo Volandri** is making his Davis Cup captaincy debut at the Finals, having taken over from long-standing Italian captain Corrado Barazzutti this year. He led the team to a victory over USA in his first tie in charge on Friday. He played in 10 Davis Cup ties between 2001 and 2010 and had a 10-7 win-loss record in the competition.

#### Italy – Historical Information

##### Most Davis Cup match-wins by an Italian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Nicola Pietrangeli	120-44
2.	Adriano Panatta	64-36
3.	Orlando Sirola	57-33
4.	Uberto de Morpurgo	55-24
5.	Giorgio de Stefani	44-22

##### Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by an Italian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Nicola Pietrangeli	78-32
2.	Giorgio de Stefani	31-21
3=	Corrado Barazzutti	39-21
	Uberto de Morpurgo	39-14
5.	Adriano Panatta	37-26

**Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by an Italian player**

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Nicola Pietrangeli	42-12
2.	Orlando Sirola	35-8
3.	Adriano Panatta	27-10
4.	Paolo Bertolucci	22-8
5.	Giovanni Cucelli	21-6

**Most Davis Cup ties played by an Italian player**

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Nicola Pietrangeli	66
2.	Orlando Sirola	46
3.	Adriano Panatta	38
4.	Giorgio de Stefani	34
5=	Corrado Barazzutti Paolo Bertolucci	32

**Italy – Player Information**

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Jannik Sinner	2021	1	1	1-0	0-0
Lorenzo Sonego	2021	1	1	1-0	0-0
Fabio Fognini	2008	13	23	23-9	9-7
Lorenzo Musetti	2021	1	1	0-0	0-1
Simone Bolelli	2007	14	24	7-9	13-7

- **JANNIK SINNER**

- **Age:** 20 (born 16 August 2001 in San Candido, Italy)
- **Rankings:** 10 (singles), 130 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Melbourne 1, Sofia, Washington, Antwerp; RU Miami; SF Barcelona, Vienna; QF Marseille, Dubai; R16 Roland Garros, US Open
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Atlanta; SF Washington
- **Davis Cup:** Sinner made his Davis Cup debut during Italy's victory over USA on Friday, defeating John Isner in straight sets in the 2nd match of the tie.

- **LORENZO SONEGO**

- **Age:** 24 (born 11 May 1995 in Turin, Italy)
- **Rankings:** 27 (singles), 139 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Sardinia; RU Eastbourne; SF Rome; QF Montpellier, San Diego; R16 Wimbledon
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Sardinia
- **Davis Cup:** Sonego also made a winning start to his Davis Cup career on Friday, defeating Reilly Opelka in straight sets in the opening match of Italy's victory over USA.

- **FABIO FOGNINI**

- **Age:** 34 (born 24 May 1987 in San Remo, Italy)
- **Rankings:** 37 (singles), 107 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Monte Carlo; R16 Australian Open
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Cincinnati
- **Davis Cup:** Fognini won both matches he contested to guide Italy to victory over Korea, Republic in the 2020 Qualifiers. He also won 2 of the 4 matches he contested at the 2019 Finals. In singles, he fell to Canada's Vasek Pospisil but defeated USA's Reilly Opelka. In doubles, he and Matteo Berrettini defeated Canada's Pospisil/Denis Shapovalov, but he and Bolelli fell to USA's Sam Querrey/Jack Sock. His 2 victories at the Finals saw him become the 9th Italian player to record 30 Davis Cup match-wins. He lost his opening match at the Finals this year, losing to Rajeev Ram/Jack Sock alongside Musetti in the doubles match of Italy's victory over USA on Friday.

- **LORENZO MUSETTI**
  - **Age:** 19 (born 3 March 2002 in Carrara, Italy)
  - **Rankings:** 59 (singles), 366 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights:** SF Acapulco, Lyon; QF Sardinia; R16 Roland Garros
  - **Davis Cup:** Musetti made his Davis Cup debut during Italy's victory over USA on Friday. He and Fognini played the doubles match but lost to Ram/Sock in straight sets.
- **SIMONE BOLELLI**
  - **Age:** 36 (born 8 October 1985 in Bologna, Italy)
  - **Rankings:** 885 (singles), 25 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Santiago, Parma; RU Sardinia, Geneva, Mallorca; QF Wimbledon
  - **Davis Cup:** Bolelli ended a 3-match Davis Cup losing streak with victory alongside Fognini against Nam Ji Sung/Song Min Kyu in Italy's victory over Korea, Republic in the Qualifiers last year. He lost the only match he contested at the 2019 Finals, falling to USA's Querrey/Sock, also alongside Fognini. He has contested only doubles matches in the competition since 2016, winning 4 of the 8 Davis Cup doubles matches he has played in that time.

### Colombia – Team Information

- **COLOMBIA** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the first time. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.
- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Colombia defeated Argentina 3-1 in Bogota, with 2 singles victories for Daniel Elahi Galan and a doubles triumph for Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah securing their place at this year's Finals. It was their first Davis Cup victory against Argentina.
- **At the 2019 Finals**, Colombia fell to both Belgium 2-1 and Australia 3-0, finishing in 3rd place in Group D.
- By reaching the Finals in both 2019 and 2021, Colombia have recorded their **best Davis Cup performance**. Prior to 2019, their best performance in the competition was reaching the World Group play-offs on 6 occasions, losing all 6 of the ties they contested at that stage – to USA in 2010, Japan in 2013 and 2015, Canada in 2014, Croatia in 2017 and Argentina in 2018.
- Colombia are currently ranked at No. 19 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking** – 2 places lower than their highest position since the rankings were introduced in 2001, No. 17, which they achieved in April 2018.
- **Captain Alejandro Falla** took over from Pablo Gonzalez ahead of the 2020 season and won his first tie as captain, with the team defeating Argentina in the Qualifiers last year. He features prominently in the Colombian Davis Cup record books – he is one of 3 Colombian players to record 30 or more victories in the competition, ending his career with a 31-17 win-loss record (only Mauricio Hadad and Jairo Velasco recorded more Davis Cup wins for Colombia) and having played in 27 ties over 15 years.

### Colombia – Historical Information

#### Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Colombian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Mauricio Hadad	35-11
2.	Jairo Velasco	33-23
3.	Alejandro Falla	31-17
4.	Santiago Giraldo	27-19
5.	Alvaro Jordan	26-17

#### Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Colombian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Santiago Giraldo	27-19
2.	Jairo Velasco	24-12
3.	Mauricio Hadad	23-5
4.	Alejandro Falla	22-10
5.	Alvaro Jordan	20-10

### Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Colombian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1=	Juan-Sebastian Cabal Robert Farah	13-9 13-7
3=	Mauricio Hadad Miguel Tobon	12-6 12-8
5.	Carlos Salamanca	10-7

### Most Davis Cup ties played by a Colombian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Santiago Giraldo	30
2.	Alejandro Falla	27
3=	Juan-Sebastian Cabal Miguel Tobon	23 23
5.	Jairo Velasco	21

### Colombia – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Daniel Elahi Galan	2018	3	7	6-3	0-0
Nicolas Mejia	2018	1	1	0-1	0-0
Cristian Rodriguez	2018	1	2	1-0	0-1
Juan-Sebastian Cabal	2008	13	23	7-2	13-9
Robert Farah	2010	11	20	1-3	13-7

#### • [DANIEL ELAHI GALAN](#)

- **Age:** 25 (born 18 June 1996 in Bucaramanga, Colombia)
- **Rankings:** 111 (singles), 577 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** SF Santiago
- **Davis Cup:** Galan made his Davis Cup debut in Colombia's Americas Group I victory against Barbados in 2018, and has won 6 of the 9 matches he has contested in the competition. He defeated both Leonardo Mayer and Juan Ignacio Londero during Colombia's victory over Argentina in the 2020 Qualifiers. He lost both matches he contested at the 2019 Finals, falling to Belgium's David Goffin and Australia's Alex de Minaur.

#### • [NICOLAS MEJIA](#)

- **Age:** 21 (born 11 February 2000 in Bogota, Colombia)
- **Rankings:** 275 (singles), 415 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup:** Mejia could make his 2nd Davis Cup appearance this week. He made his debut during Colombia's defeat to Argentina in the 2018 World Group play-offs, falling to Horacio Zeballos in a dead singles match.

#### • [CRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ](#)

- **Age:** 31 (born 24 June 1990)
- **Rankings:** 442 (singles), 214 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup:** Rodriguez is bidding to record his first victory in a live Davis Cup match this week. His only victory in the competition to date came in a dead singles match during Colombia's Asia/Oceania Group I win over Barbados in 2018, when he defeated Xavier Lawrence. He lost the only other Davis Cup match he has played – he and Alejandro Gomez fell in 5 sets to Argentina's Maximo Gonzalez/Zeballos in the 2018 World Group play-offs.

- **JUAN-SEBASTIAN CABAL**

- **Age:** 35 (born 25 April 1986 in Cali, Colombia)
- **Rankings:** unranked (singles), 10= (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Dubai, Barcelona, Vienna; RU Melbourne 1; SF Doha, Monte Carlo, Roland Garros, Eastbourne, Cincinnati; QF Wimbledon
- **Davis Cup:** Cabal and Farah jointly hold the record for most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Colombian player, having moved ahead of Mauricio Hadad and Miguel Tobon by defeating Argentina's Gonzalez/Zeballos in the 2020 Qualifiers. At the 2019 Finals, the pair defeated Belgium's Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen in a final set tiebreak, but fell to Australia's John Peers/Jordan Thompson, also in a final set tiebreak. Cabal will claim sole ownership of 3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup ties played by a Colombian player, ahead of Tobon, if he plays in at least one tie this week.

- **ROBERT FARAH**

- **Age:** 34 (born 20 January 1987 in Montreal, Canada)
- **Rankings:** unranked (singles), 10= (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Dubai, Barcelona, Vienna; RU Melbourne 1; SF Doha, Monte Carlo, Roland Garros, Eastbourne, Cincinnati; QF Wimbledon
- **Davis Cup:** Farah and Cabal jointly hold the record for most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Colombian player, having moved ahead of Hadad and Tobon by defeating Argentina's Gonzalez/Zeballos in the 2020 Qualifiers. At the 2019 Finals, the pair defeated Belgium's Gille/Vliegen in a final set tiebreak, but fell to Australia's Peers/Thompson, also in a final set tiebreak. Farah will equal Jairo Velasco in 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup ties played by a Colombian player if he plays in one tie this week.