

DAVIS CUP BY RAKUTEN FINALS 2021

4 DECEMBER – DAY TEN PREVIEW NOTES

Madrid Arena, Madrid, Spain

1300 CET Semifinal

Russian Tennis Federation v Germany

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On court today:

- Russian Tennis Federation and Germany meet to determine who will face Croatia in tomorrow's Davis Cup final – and the RTF team will bid to extend a 4-tie winning streak over the Germans. This is the nations' 4th meeting in a Davis Cup semifinal, with RTF having won all 3 of their previous meetings in the last 4, in 1994, 1995 and 2007. RTF have lost just one match so far this week, with Andrey Rublev's defeat to Feliciano Lopez on Sunday the only point against the team so far – but Rublev has been pushed to a deciding set in his other 2 singles matches too, and the Germans will perhaps target the opening match of the tie to make sure that they are at least alive in the doubles match. World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev has been rock solid for RTF this week, and he will hope to inspire the team to victory today – should he do so, it will be the first time that RTF has reached the Davis Cup final since 2008 and their 6th Davis Cup final appearance overall.
- Germany are bidding to end an even longer absence from the Davis Cup final, with the team having last appeared in the title clash in 1993, when they defeated Australia to claim their 3rd title. The team have recorded narrow victories in all 3 of their ties so far this week – thanks mainly to their undefeated doubles partnership of Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz, who have seen off talented doubles partnerships from Serbia, Austria and Great Britain to send their nation to the last 4 for the first time since 2007. Germany's singles players have not quite been able to match their doubles counterparts – but Jan-Lennard Struff recorded an excellent win over Great Britain's Cameron Norrie in the quarterfinals and has defeated Medvedev before. Captain Michael Kohlmann will be hoping his side can upset the RTF team today and end a run of 3 defeats for Germany in Davis Cup semifinals.

Knockout Stages

Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Champions
Winner Group A RTF Madrid, Thu 2 Dec Best runner-up SWEDEN	RTF 2-0 Madrid, Sat 4 Dec	Madrid, Sun 5 Dec	
Winner Group C GREAT BRITAIN Innsbruck, Tue 30 Nov Winner Group F GERMANY	GERMANY 2-1		
Winner Group E ITALY Turin, Mon 29 Nov Winner Group D CROATIA	CROATIA 2-1 Madrid, Fri 3 Dec		
2nd-best runner-up SERBIA Madrid, Wed 1 Dec Winner Group B KAZAKHSTAN	SERBIA 2-1		
		CROATIA	
		2-1	

Knockout Stages – Results

Quarterfinals

Croatia defeated Italy 2-1 (Turin, 29 November)

Borna Gojo (CRO) d. Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) 7-6(2) 2-6 6-2

Jannik Sinner (ITA) d. Marin Cilic (CRO) 3-6 7-6(4) 6-3

Nikola Pietrangeli/Mate Pavic (CRO) d. Fabio Fognini/Jannik Sinner (ITA) 6-3 6-4

Germany defeated Great Britain 2-1 (Innsbruck, 30 November)

Daniel Evans (GBR) d. Peter Gojowczyk (GER) 6-2 6-1

Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) d. Cameron Norrie (GBR) 7-6(6) 3-6 6-2

Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz (GER) d. Joe Salisbury/Neal Skupski (GBR) 7-6(10) 7-6(5)

Serbia defeated Kazakhstan 2-1 (Madrid, 1 December)

Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) d. Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) 7-6(5) 4-6 7-6(11)

Novak Djokovic (SRB) d. Alexander Bublik (KAZ) 6-3 6-4

Nikola Pietrangeli/Novak Djokovic (SRB) d. Andrey Golubev/Aleksandr Nedovyesov (KAZ) 6-2 2-6 6-3

Russian Tennis Federation defeated Sweden 2-0 (Madrid, 2 December)

Andrey Rublev (RTF) d. Elias Ymer (SWE) 6-2 5-7 7-6(3)

Daniil Medvedev (RTF) d. Mikael Ymer (SWE) 6-4 6-4

Aslan Karatsev/Andrey Rublev (RTF) v Andre Goransson/Robert Lindstedt (SWE) – not played

Semifinals

Croatia defeated Serbia 2-1 (Madrid, 3 December)

Borna Gojo (CRO) d. Dusan Lajovic (SRB) 4-6 6-3 6-2

Novak Djokovic (SRB) d. Marin Cilic (CRO) 6-4 6-2

Nikola Pietrangeli/Mate Pavic (CRO) d. Novak Djokovic/Filip Krajinovic (SRB) 7-5 6-1

Group Stages – Results

Group A (Madrid)

Spain defeated Ecuador 3-0 (26 November)

Feliciano Lopez (ESP) d. Roberto Quiroz (ECU) 6-3 6-3

Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP) d. Emilio Gomez (ECU) 5-7 6-3 7-6(5)

Pablo Carreno Busta/Marcel Granollers (ESP) d. Gonzalo Escobar/Diego Hidalgo (ECU) 6-4 6-7(5) 7-6(2)

Russian Tennis Federation defeated Ecuador 3-0 (27 November)

Andrey Rublev (RTF) d. Roberto Quiroz (ECU) 6-3 4-6 6-1

Daniil Medvedev (RTF) d. Emilio Gomez (ECU) 6-0 6-2

Aslan Karatsev/Andrey Rublev (RTF) d. Diego Hidalgo/Gonzalo Escobar (ECU) 6-4 4-6 6-4

Russian Tennis Federation defeated Spain 2-1 (28 November)

Feliciano Lopez (ESP) d. Andrey Rublev (RTF) 2-6 6-3 6-4

Daniil Medvedev (RTF) d. Pablo Carreno Busta (ESP) 6-2 7-6(3)

Aslan Karatsev/Andrey Rublev (RTF) d. Marcel Granollers/Feliciano Lopez (ESP) 4-6 6-2 6-4

Final Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	RTF	2	2-0	5-1 (100%)	11-5 (69%)	86-60 (59%)
2.	Spain	2	1-1	4-2 (67%)	9-7 (56%)	83-81 (51%)
3.	Ecuador	2	0-2	0-6 (0%)	4-12 (25%)	65-93 (41%)

Group B (Madrid)

Sweden defeated Canada 3-0 (25 November)

Elias Ymer (SWE) d. Steven Diez (CAN) 6-4 6-2

Mikael Ymer (SWE) d. Vasek Pospisil (CAN) 6-4 6-4

Andre Goransson/Robert Lindstedt (SWE) d. Vasek Pospisil/Brayden Schnur (CAN) 7-6(5) 6-4

Kazakhstan defeated Sweden 2-1 (27 November)

Elias Ymer (SWE) d. Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) 6-3 7-6(4)

Alexander Bublik (KAZ) d. Mikael Ymer (SWE) 3-6 6-4 6-0

Andrey Golubev/Aleksandr Nedovyesov (KAZ) d. Andre Goransson/Robert Lindstedt (SWE) 6-3 6-3

Kazakhstan defeated Canada 3-0 (28 November)

Mikhail Kukushkin (KAZ) d. Brayden Schnur (CAN) 6-3 6-7(5) 7-5

Alexander Bublik (KAZ) d. Vasek Pospisil (CAN) 6-2 7-6(6)

Andrey Golubev/Aleksandr Nedovyesov (KAZ) d. Peter Polansky/Brayden Schnur (CAN) 6-4 6-7(6) 6-1

Final Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Kazakhstan	2	2-0	5-1 (83%)	10-5 (67%)	86-64 (57%)
2.	Sweden	2	1-1	4-2 (67%)	9-4 (69%)	66-60 (52%)
3.	Canada	2	0-2	0-6 (0%)	2-12 (14%)	59-87 (40%)

Group C (Innsbruck)

France d. Czech Republic 2-1 (25 November)

Tomas Machac (CZE) d. Richard Gasquet (FRA) 7-6(3) 6-2

Adrian Mannarino (FRA) d. Jiri Vesely (CZE) 6-7(1) 6-4 6-2

Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut (FRA) d. Jiri Lehecka/Tomas Machac (CZE) 3-6 6-4 6-3

Great Britain defeated France 2-1 (27 November)

Daniel Evans (GBR) d. Adrian Mannarino (FRA) 7-5 6-4

Cameron Norrie (GBR) d. Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) 6-2 7-6(8)

Nicolas Mahut/Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) d. Joe Salisbury/Neal Skupski (GBR) 6-1 6-4

Great Britain defeated Czech Republic 2-1 (28 November)

Tomas Machac (CZE) d. Daniel Evans (GBR) 6-2 7-5

Cameron Norrie (GBR) d. Jiri Lehecka (CZE) 6-1 2-6 6-1

Joe Salisbury/Neal Skupski (GBR) d. Tomas Machac/Jiri Vesely (CZE) 6-4 6-2

Final Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Great Britain	2	2-0	4-2 (67%)	8-5 (62%)	64-56 (53%)
2.	France	2	1-1	3-3 (50%)	6-8 (43%)	70-70 (50%)
3.	Czech Republic	2	0-2	2-4 (33%)	7-8 (47%)	66-74 (47%)

Group D (Turin)

Croatia defeated Australia 3-0 (25 November)

Borna Gojo (CRO) d. Alexei Popyrin (AUS) 7-6(5) 7-5

Marin Cilic (CRO) d. Alex de Minaur (AUS) 6-1 5-7 6-4

Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic (CRO) d. Alex de Minaur/John Peers (AUS) 6-3 6-1

Australia defeated Hungary 2-1 (27 November)

Zsombor Piros (HUN) d. John Millman (AUS) 4-6 6-4 6-3

Alex de Minaur (AUS) d. Marton Fucsovics (HUN) 7-5 2-6 7-6(2)

Alex Bolt/John Peers (AUS) d. Fabian Marozsan/Zsombor Piros (HUN) 6-3 6-7(11) 6-3

Croatia defeated Hungary 2-1 (28 November)

Nino Serdarusic (CRO) d. Fabian Marozsan (HUN) 6-4 6-4

Zsombor Piros (HUN) d. Marin Cilic (CRO) 4-6 7-5 6-4

Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic (CRO) d. Fabian Marozsan/Peter Nagy (HUN) 7-6(6) 6-2

Final Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Croatia	2	2-0	5-1 (83%)	11-3 (76%)	83-60 (58%)
2.	Australia	2	1-1	2-4 (33%)	6-10 (38%)	74-89 (45%)
3.	Hungary	2	0-2	2-4 (33%)	6-10 (38%)	79-87 (48%)

Group E (Turin)

Italy defeated USA 2-1 (26 November)

Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) d. Reilly Opelka (USA) 6-3 7-6(4)

Jannik Sinner (ITA) d. John Isner (USA) 6-2 6-0

Rajeev Ram/Jack Sock (USA) d. Fabio Fognini/Lorenzo Musetti (ITA) 7-6(5) 6-2

Italy defeated Colombia 2-1 (27 November)

Lorenzo Sonego (ITA) d. Nicolas Mejia (COL) 6-7(5) 6-4 6-2

Jannik Sinner (ITA) d. Daniel Elahi Galan (COL) 7-5 6-0

Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah (COL) d. Fabio Fognini/Jannik Sinner (ITA) 6-2 5-7 7-6(6)

Colombia defeated USA 2-1 (28 November)

Frances Tiafoe (USA) d. Nicolas Mejia (COL) 4-6 6-3 7-6(7)

Daniel Elahi Galan (COL) d. John Isner (USA) 6-3 3-6 7-6(5)

Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah (COL) d. Reilly Opelka/Jack Sock (USA) 3-0 retired

Final Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Italy	2	2-0	4-2 (67%)	9-5 (64%)	79-60 (57%)
2.	Colombia	2	1-1	3-3 (50%)	8-8 (50%)*	79-78 (50%)*
3.	USA	2	0-2	2-4 (33%)	5-9 (36%)*	56-76 (42%)*

*USA v Colombia doubles match retirement with Colombia leading 3-0 is counted as a 6-0 6-0 win for Colombia

Group F (Innsbruck)

Serbia defeated Austria 3-0 (26 November)

Dusan Lajovic (SRB) d. Gerald Melzer (AUT) 7-6(5) 3-6 7-5

Novak Djokovic (SRB) d. Dennis Novak (AUT) 6-3 6-2

Nikola Cacic/Filip Krajinovic (SRB) d. Oliver Marach/Philipp Oswald (AUT) 7-6(4) 4-6 6-3

Germany defeated Serbia 2-1 (27 November)

Dominik Koepfer (GER) d. Filip Krajinovic (SRB) 7-6(4) 6-4

Novak Djokovic (SRB) d. Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) 6-2 6-4

Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz (GER) d. Nikola Cacic/Novak Djokovic (SRB) 7-6(5) 3-6 7-6(5)

Germany defeated Austria 2-1 (28 November)

Jurij Rodionov (AUT) d. Dominik Koepfer (GER) 6-1 7-5

Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) d. Dennis Novak (AUT) 7-5 6-4

Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz (GER) d. Oliver Marach/Philipp Oswald (AUT) 6-3 6-4

Final Table

Pos.	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Germany	2	2-0	4-2 (67%)	8-5 (62%)	67-69 (49%)
2.	Serbia	2	1-1	4-2 (67%)	9-6 (60%)	86-73 (54%)
3.	Austria	2	0-2	1-5 (17%)	4-10 (29%)	66-77 (46%)

Ranking of 2nd-place teams

Group	Nation	Played	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
B	Sweden	2	1-1	4-2 (67%)	9-4 (69%)	66-60 (52%)
F	Serbia	2	1-1	4-2 (67%)	9-6 (60%)	86-73 (54%)
A	Spain	2	1-1	4-2 (67%)	9-7 (56%)	83-81 (51%)
E	Colombia	2	1-1	3-3 (50%)	8-8 (50%)	79-78 (50%)
C	France	2	1-1	3-3 (50%)	6-8 (43%)	70-70 (50%)
D	Australia	2	1-1	2-4 (33%)	6-10 (38%)	74-89 (45%)

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Head-to-head: RTF lead 6-3

1964	Europe Second Round	Unknown	Dusseldorf (FRG)	F.R. Germany d. USSR 4-1
1967	Europe First Round	Unknown	Dusseldorf (FRG)	USSR d. F.R. Germany 3-2
1970	Europe Final	Unknown	Dusseldorf (FRG)	F.R. Germany d. USSR 3-2
1976	Europe First Round	Unknown	Bad Homburg (FRG)	USSR d. F.R. Germany 4-1
1993	World Group First Round	Carpet (I)	Moscow (RUS)	Germany d. Russia 4-1
1994	World Group Semifinal	Hard (O)	Hamburg (GER)	Russia d. Germany 4-1
1995	World Group Semifinal	Clay (I)	Moscow (RUS)	Russia d. Germany 3-2
1999	World Group First Round	Carpet (I)	Frankfurt (GER)	Russia d. Germany 3-2
2007	World Group Semifinal	Clay (I)	Moscow (RUS)	Russia d. Germany 3-2

A 10th Davis Cup meeting for Russian Tennis Federation and Germany, with RTF bidding to maintain a 4-tie winning streak against the Germans. It is their first meeting since 2007, when they also met in the semifinals, with Igor Andreev defeating Philipp Kohlschreiber in a decisive 5th match to win the tie for RTF. The teams have also met in 2 other semifinals – in 1994 and 1995, with RTF winning on both occasions.

Road to the semifinals

RUSSIAN TENNIS FEDERATION	Round	GERMANY
RTF defeated Ecuador 3-0 (27 Nov) Rublev (RTF) d. Quiroz (ECU) 6-3 4-6 6-1 Medvedev (RTF) d. Gomez (ECU) 6-0 6-2 Karatsev/Rublev (RTF) d. Hidalgo/Escobar (ECU) 6-4 4-6 6-4	Group Stage	Germany defeated Serbia 2-1 (27 Nov) Koepfer (GER) d. Krajinovic (SRB) 7-6(4) 6-4 Djokovic (SRB) d. Struff (GER) 6-2 6-4 Krawietz/Puetz (GER) d. Cacic/Djokovic (SRB) 7-6(5) 3-6 7-6(5)
RTF defeated Spain 2-1 (28 Nov) Lopez (ESP) d. Rublev (RTF) 2-6 6-3 6-4 Medvedev (RTF) d. Carreno Busta (ESP) 6-2 7-6(3) Karatsev/Rublev (RTF) d. Granollers/Lopez (ESP) 4-6 6-2 6-4		Germany defeated Austria 2-1 (28 Nov) Rodionov (AUT) d. Koepfer (GER) 6-1 7-5 Struff (GER) d. Novak (AUT) 7-5 6-4 Krawietz/Puetz (GER) d. Marach/Oswald (AUT) 6-3 6-4
RTF defeated Sweden 2-0 (2 Dec) Rublev (RTF) d. E Ymer (SWE) 6-2 5-7 7-6(3) Medvedev (RTF) d. M Ymer (SWE) 6-4 6-4 <i>Karatsev/Rublev (RTF) v Goransson/Lindstedt (SWE) – not played</i>	Quarter final	Germany defeated Great Britain 2-1 (30 Nov) Evans (GBR) d. Gojowczyk (GER) 6-2 6-1 Struff (GER) d. Norrie (GBR) 7-6(6) 3-6 6-2 Krawietz/Puetz (GER) d. Salisbury/Skupski (GBR) 7-6(10) 7-6(5)

RTF

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GERMANY

13
Champions 2002, 2006
1962*
56*
147
94-53

Davis Cup Nations Ranking
Best Davis Cup Result
First Year Played
Seasons Played
Ties Played
Ties Win-Loss

8
Champions 3 times
1913**
85**
232
151-81

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

**Germany competed as F.R. Germany between 1961 and 1990

Russian Tennis Federation – Team Information

- **RTF** are bidding to reach the Davis Cup final for the first time since 2007 – when the team defeated Germany in the last 4 before falling to USA in the final – and for the 6th time overall.
- RTF are **through to the Davis Cup semifinals for the 10th time**. They have a 5-4 win-loss record in semifinal ties, with their 4 defeats coming in 1999 (l. Australia), 2005 (l. Croatia), 2008 (l. Argentina) and 2019 (l. Canada).
- 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).
- **At the 2019 Finals**, RTF reached the semifinals. 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.

- 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 and is contesting his 100th Davis Cup tie as captain today. He first captained the Russian Tennis Federation team in 1974 and began his current spell as captain in 1997, missing 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 40-22 win-loss record in his current spell as captain and a 64-35 overall win-loss in the competition.

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.	Andrey Rublev	18-10
5.	Nikolay Davydenko	17-11

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.	Andrey Rublev	8-5
5.	Konstantin Kravchuk	7-4

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	4	8	6-2	0-1
Andrey Rublev	2014	7	17	10-5	8-5
Aslan Karatsev	2016	2	3	0-1	2-0
Karen Khachanov	2013	6	12	7-7	2-5
Evgeny Donskoy	2013	6	9	3-4	2-2

- **DANIIL MEDVEDEV**

- **Age:** 25 (born 11 February 1996 in Moscow, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 2 (singles), 277 (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 has made his first Davis Cup appearances in nearly 3 years at this year's Finals. He has recorded victories over Ecuador's Emilio Gomez, Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta and Sweden's Mikael Ymer. He had previously 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 5-3 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. He has won 2 of the 3 singles matches he has played at the Finals so far this year, defeating Ecuador's Roberto Quiroz and Sweden's Elias Ymer, but falling to Spain's Feliciano Lopez. He has also partnered Karatsev to victory in 2 doubles matches, defeating Ecuador's Gonzalo Escobar/Diego Hidalgo and Spain's Marcel Granollers/Lopez. He will equal Igor Andreiev in 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup singles matches won by an RTF player if he wins a singles match today.

- **ASLAN KARATSEV**

- **Age:** 28 (born 4 September 1993 in Vladikavkaz, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 17 (singles), 91 (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 made his 2nd and 3rd Davis Cup appearances in the group stages at the Finals this year, recording doubles wins alongside Rublev against both Ecuador's Escobar/Hidalgo and Spain's Granollers/Lopez. 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), 169 (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 Djokovic 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), 642 (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.

Germany – Team Information

- **GERMANY** are bidding to reach the Davis Cup final for the first time since 1993 – when the team defeated Sweden in the last 4 and Australia in the final – and for the 6th time overall.
- Germany are **through to the Davis Cup semifinals for the 9th time** since the Challenge Round was abolished in 1972. In that time, they have a 4-4 win-loss record in Davis Cup semifinal ties since then, with their 4 defeats coming in 1991 (l. USA), 1994 (l. Russia), 1995 (l. Russia) and 2007 (l. Russia). [NB Germany also reached the Inter-Zonal final (which was the penultimate round at the time) 7 times prior to the Challenge Round being abolished, advancing to the Challenge Round in 1970 but falling in 1929, 1932 and 1935-38]
- 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. They also finished runners-up in 1970 (l. USA) and 1985 (l. Sweden).
- By defeating Great Britain in the quarterfinals, Germany ended a **6-tie losing streak in Davis Cup quarterfinal ties**. Since reaching the semifinals in 2007, they had lost quarterfinal ties in 2008 (l. Spain), 2009 (l. Spain), 2011 (l. France), 2014 (l. France), 2018 (l. Spain) and 2019 (l. Great Britain).
- **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. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.
- **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 8 of their last 9 Davis Cup ties played on hard courts** – including their victories against Serbia, Austria and Great Britain at the Finals this year. 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 are bidding to **win their 152nd Davis Cup tie**. By defeating Austria for their 150th victory on Sunday, they became the 7th nation to record 150 Davis Cup victories – after USA (221), Australia (192), France (171), Italy (167), Sweden (158) and Great Britain (158).
- 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 10-5 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	13	9-6	4-0
Dominik Koepfer	2020	1	3	2-1	0-0
Peter Gojowczyk	2014	2	2	1-2	0-0
Kevin Krawietz	2019	2	6	0-0	6-0
Tim Puetz	2017	4	7	0-0	7-0

• **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 has won 2 of the 3 matches he has contested at this year's Finals, falling to Serbia's Novak Djokovic before defeating both Austria's Dennis Novak and Great Britain's Cameron Norrie. He 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 first appearances in live Davis Cup matches this week, winning one of the 2 singles matches he has contested at the Finals – he defeated Serbia's Filip Krajinovic but fell to Austria's Jurij Rodionov. His only other Davis Cup appearance came Germany's victory over Belarus in the 2020 Qualifiers, when he defeated Daniil Ostapenko 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:** 86 (singles), 525 (doubles)
 - **2021 singles highlights:** SF Montpellier, Metz; QF Newport; R16 US Open
 - **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Munich
 - **Davis Cup:** Gojowczyk made his first Davis Cup appearance since 2014 in the quarterfinals, falling to Great Britain's Daniel Evans in straight sets in the opening match of the tie. His only previous appearance in the competition came 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:** 856 (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 6 matches he has contested in the competition – including the 3 matches he has contested at this year's Finals, all of which have been decisive doubles matches. He and Puetz have defeated Serbia's Nikola Cacic/Djokovic, Austria's Oliver Marach/Philipp Oswald and Great Britain's Joe Salisbury/Neal Skupski. 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:** 1204 (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 7 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 prior to the Finals, when he and Struff defeated Gabor Borsas/Peter Nagy in Germany's victory over Hungary in the 2019 Qualifiers. He and Krawietz have won all 3 matches they have contested at this year's Finals, all of which have been decisive doubles matches – against Serbia's Cacic/Djokovic, Austria's Marach/Oswald and Great Britain's Salisbury/Skupski.