

# DAVIS CUP BY RAKUTEN FINALS 2021

## 5 DECEMBER – DAVIS CUP FINAL PREVIEW NOTES

**Madrid Arena, Madrid, Spain**

**1600 CET**

**Final**

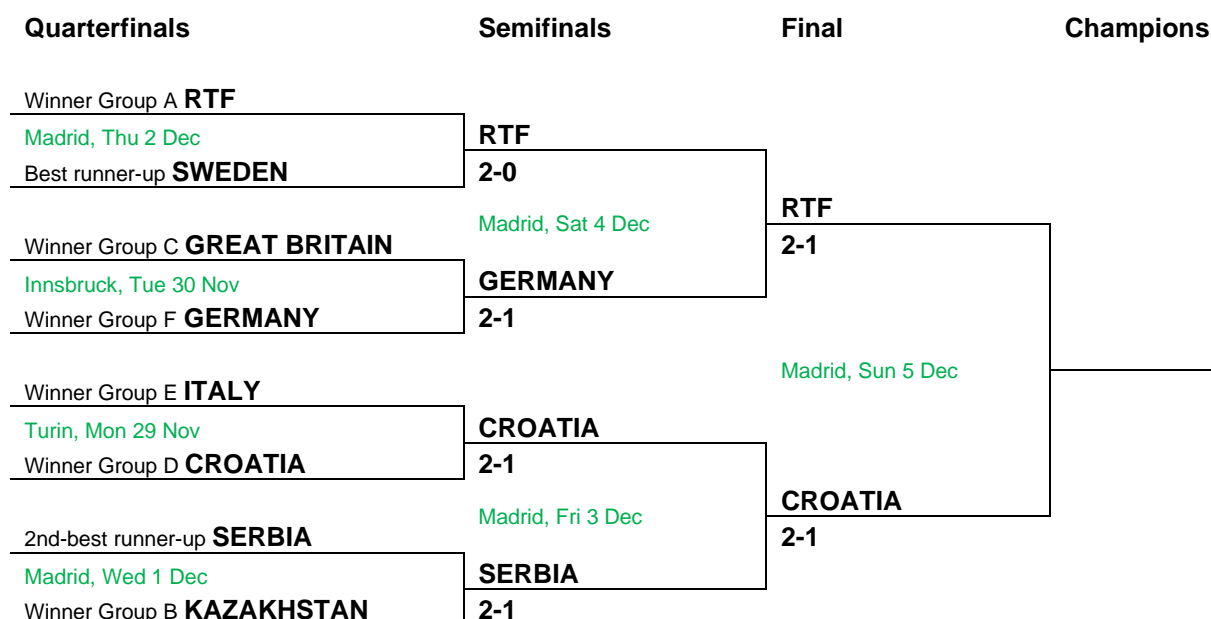
**Russian Tennis Federation v Croatia**

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### On court today:

- Russian Tennis Federation and Croatia meet in today's Davis Cup final with both nations bidding to win their 3rd title. The winning nation today will equal Czech Republic and Germany in 7th place on the all-time list for most Davis Cup titles.
- Victory for RTF in today's final will cap a strong year for RTF players – the Russian Olympic Committee topped the medal table at the Olympic Tennis Event in Tokyo, before Daniil Medvedev won his first Grand Slam title at the US Open and the RTF team won the Billie Jean King Cup title in Prague with a 2-0 victory over Switzerland in the final. The nation has also been successful at junior level too, with RTF defeating France to win Junior Davis Cup title in October. If RTF win today, they will become the 4th nation to win both Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup titles in the same year and the 5th nation to win both Davis Cup and Junior Davis Cup titles in the same year.
- Croatia have been the most-successful Davis Cup team in recent years – their appearance in the final here marks their 3rd appearance in the Davis Cup final in the last 5 seasons, with France the only other nation to have reached multiple Davis Cup finals in that time. A victory for Croatia today would be the team's 6th consecutive win in the competition, which would mark their longest Davis Cup winning streak since the team won 6 straight ties in 2004-06 – a streak which included their first Davis Cup title in 2005. Marin Cilic and Mate Pavic are both bidding to become 2-time Davis Cup champions, having been members of the Croatian team which won the title in 2018.
- One of either Shamil Tarpishev or Vedran Martic will lead his nation to victory today. Martic will become the 32nd different captain of a Davis Cup title-winning team since the Challenge Round was abolished in 1972 if Croatia win today. Having already led his team to the title in 2002 and 2006, Tarpishev will become the 5th captain to win at least 3 Davis Cup titles since 1972 if RTF win today – after Neale Fraser, Niki Pilic, Yannick Noah and Hans Olsson. Neither Tarpishev nor Martic competed in the Davis Cup as players.

### Knockout Stages



## 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

#### Russian Tennis Federation defeated Germany 2-1 (Madrid, 4 December)

Andrey Rublev (RTF) d. Dominik Koepfer (GER) 6-4 6-0

Daniil Medvedev (RTF) d. Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) 6-4 6-4

Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz (GER) d. Aslan Karatsev/Karen Khachanov (RTF) 4-6 6-3 6-4

## 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 Pietrangeli/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 Serdarušić (CRO) d. Fabian Marozsan (HUN) 6-4 6-4

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

Nikola Pietrangeli/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.   | <b>Croatia</b> | 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 Sonogo (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 Sonogo (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.   | <b>Italy</b> | 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.   | <b>Germany</b> | 2      | 2-0           | 4-2 (67%)        | 8-5 (62%)     | 67-69 (49%)    |
| 2.   | <b>Serbia</b>  | 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>B</b> | <b>Sweden</b> | 2      | 1-1           | 4-2 (67%)        | 9-4 (69%)     | 66-60 (52%)    |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Serbia</b> | 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%)    |

## FINAL – RUSSIAN TENNIS FEDERATION v CROATIA

### MADRID – 1600 CET

#### Head-to-head: tied 1-1

|      |                       |            |              |                       |
|------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 2005 | World Group Semifinal | Carpet (I) | Split (CRO)  | Croatia d. Russia 3-2 |
| 2019 | Finals Group B        | Hard (I)   | Madrid (ESP) | Russia d. Croatia 3-0 |

A 3rd meeting for Russian Tennis Federation and Croatia – and their 2nd at the Davis Cup Finals. Croatia won the nations' first clash, a semifinal in 2005, but RTF hit back in 2019, recording a 3-0 victory in the group stages at the Davis Cup Finals in Madrid.

The winner of today's final will win their 3rd Davis Cup title and equal Czech Republic and Germany in joint-7th place on the all-time list for most Davis Cup titles.

#### Davis Cup titles (all-time)

| Nation                           | Titles   |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| USA                              | 32       |
| Australia                        | 28       |
| France                           | 10       |
| Great Britain                    | 10       |
| Sweden                           | 7        |
| Spain                            | 6        |
| Czech Republic                   | 3        |
| Germany                          | 3        |
| <b>Croatia</b>                   | <b>2</b> |
| <b>Russian Tennis Federation</b> | <b>2</b> |
| Argentina                        | 1        |
| Italy                            | 1        |
| Serbia                           | 1        |
| South Africa                     | 1        |
| Switzerland                      | 1        |

#### Road to the final

| RUSSIAN TENNIS FEDERATION  | Round         | CROATIA   |
|--|---------------|---|
| <b>RTF defeated Ecuador 3-0 (27 Nov)</b><br>Rublev (RTF) d. Quiroz (ECU) 6-3 4-6 6-1<br>Medvedev (RTF) d. Gomez (ECU) 6-0 6-2<br>Karatsev/Rublev (RTF) d. Hidalgo/Escobar (ECU) 6-4 4-6 6-4              | Group Stage   | <b>Croatia defeated Australia 3-0 (25 Nov)</b><br>Gojo (CRO) d. Popyrin (AUS) 7-6(5) 7-5<br>Cilic (CRO) d. De Minaur (AUS) 6-1 5-7 6-4<br>Mektic/Pavic (CRO) d. De Minaur/Peers (AUS) 6-3 6-1 |
| <b>RTF defeated Spain 2-1 (28 Nov)</b><br>Lopez (ESP) d. Rublev (RTF) 2-6 6-3 6-4<br>Medvedev (RTF) d. Carreno Busta (ESP) 6-2 7-6(3)<br>Karatsev/Rublev (RTF) d. Granollers/Lopez (ESP) 4-6 6-2 6-4     |               | <b>Croatia defeated Hungary 2-1 (28 Nov)</b><br>Serdarusic (CRO) d. Marozsan (HUN) 6-4 6-4<br>Piros (HUN) d. Cilic (CRO) 4-6 7-5 6-4<br>Mektic/Pavic (CRO) d. Marozsan/Nagy (HUN) 7-6(6) 6-2  |
| <b>RTF defeated Sweden 2-0 (2 Dec)</b><br>Rublev (RTF) d. E Ymer (SWE) 6-2 5-7 7-6(3)<br>Medvedev (RTF) d. M Ymer (SWE) 6-4 6-4<br><i>Karatsev/Rublev (RTF) v Goransson/Lindstedt (SWE) – not played</i> | Quarter final | <b>Croatia defeated Italy 2-1 (29 Nov)</b><br>Gojo (CRO) d. Sonogo (ITA) 7-6(2) 2-6 6-2<br>Sinner (ITA) d. Cilic (CRO) 3-6 7-6(4) 6-3<br>Mektic/Pavic (CRO) d. Fognini/Sinner (ITA) 6-3 6-4   |
| <b>RTF defeated Germany 2-1 (4 Dec)</b><br>Rublev (RTF) d. Koepfer (GER) 6-4 6-0<br>Medvedev (RTF) d. Struff (GER) 6-4 6-4<br>Krawietz/Puetz (GER) d. Karatsev/Khachanov (RTF) 4-6 6-3 6-4               | Semi final    | <b>Croatia defeated Serbia 2-1 (3 Dec)</b><br>Gojo (CRO) d. Lajovic (SRB) 4-6 6-3 6-2<br>Djokovic (SRB) d. Cilic (CRO) 6-4 6-2<br>Mektic/Pavic (CRO) d. Djokovic/Krajcinovic (SRB) 7-5 6-1    |

RTF

v

CROATIA

**13**  
**Champions 2002, 2006**  
**1962\***  
**56\***  
**148**  
**95-53**

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

**2**  
**Champions 2005, 2018**  
**1993\*\***  
**28\*\***  
**67**  
**42-25**

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

\*\*Prior to 1993, Croatian players represented Yugoslavia

## Russian Tennis Federation – Team Information

- **RTF** are bidding to win the Davis Cup title for the 3rd time and equal Czech Republic and Germany in 7th place on the all-time list for most Davis Cup titles.
- RTF are **through to the Davis Cup final for the 6th time**. They won the title in 2002 (d. France) and 2006 (d. Argentina) and have finished as runners-up on 3 further occasions – 1994 (l. Sweden), 1995 (l. USA) and 2007 (l. USA).
- RTF are bidding to become the **4th nation to win both the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup titles in the same year** – and the first since Czech Republic in 2012. The RTF team defeated Switzerland 2-0 in Prague last month to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 5th time.

### Nations winning Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup titles in the same year

| Nation                             | Years                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| USA                                | 1963, 1969, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982 |
| Australia                          | 1964, 1965, 1973                   |
| Czech Republic                     | 2012                               |
| <b>Russian Tennis Federation??</b> | <b>2021??</b>                      |

- RTF are also bidding to become the **5th nation to win both Davis Cup and Junior Davis Cup titles in the same year** – and the first since Spain in 2004. The RTF team defeated France 2-0 in Antalya in October to win the Junior Davis Cup title for the 3rd time.

### Nations winning Davis Cup and Junior Davis Cup titles in the same year

| Nation                             | Years         |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Australia                          | 1986          |
| F.R. Germany                       | 1989          |
| France                             | 1996          |
| Spain                              | 2004          |
| <b>Russian Tennis Federation??</b> | <b>2021??</b> |

- **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 101st 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 65-35 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        |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Andrey Rublev</b> | <b>19-10</b> |
| 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        |
| <b>5=</b> | Igor Andreev         | 11-10       |
|           | <b>Andrey Rublev</b> | <b>11-5</b> |

### 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       |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Andrey Rublev</b> | <b>8-5</b> |
| 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          |
| <b>4=</b> | Andrei Olhovskiy     | 18          |
|           | <b>Andrey Rublev</b> | <b>18</b>   |

\*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               | 9              | 7-2                 | 0-1                 |
| Andrey Rublev   | 2014          | 7               | 18             | 11-5                | 8-5                 |
| Aslan Karatsev  | 2016          | 2               | 4              | 0-1                 | 2-1                 |
| Karen Khachanov | 2013          | 7               | 13             | 7-7                 | 2-6                 |
| 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 and has won all 4 matches he has played in straight sets. He has recorded victories over Ecuador's Emilio Gomez, Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta, Sweden's Mikael Ymer and Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff. He had previously not played in the competition since defeating Switzerland's Henri Laaksonen in the 2019 Qualifiers.

#### • [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 has won 3 of the 4 singles matches he has played at the Finals so far this year, defeating Ecuador's Roberto Quiroz, Sweden's Elias Ymer and Germany's Dominik Koepfer, 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 claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup singles matches won by an RTF player, ahead of Igor Andreev, if he wins a singles match today. He 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.

- **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 has played in 3 doubles matches at the Finals this year – recording wins alongside Rublev against both Ecuador’s Escobar/Hidalgo and Spain’s Granollers/Lopez, but falling to Germany’s Kevin Krawietz/Tim Puetz alongside Khachanov. His only appearance in the competition prior to this year’s Finals 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 played his first match at this year’s Finals during RTF’s semifinal victory over Germany – he and Karatsev fell to Krawietz/Puetz in 3 sets. He 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.

## Croatia – Team Information

- **CROATIA** are bidding to win the Davis Cup title for the 3rd time and equal Czech Republic and Germany in 7th place on the all-time list for most Davis Cup titles.
- Croatia are **through to the Davis Cup final for the 4th time**. They became the first nation to win the title unseeded in 2005, when they defeated Slovakia in the final in Bratislava, and won their 2nd title in 2018, defeating France in Lille. They also finished as runners-up in 2016, falling to Argentina in Zagreb.
- Croatia are bidding to **win 6 consecutive Davis Cup ties** for the first time since 2004-2006, when they put together 6 straight victories from the 2004 World Group play-offs through the 2006 World Group first round.
- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Croatia defeated India 3-1 in Zagreb. A victory for Borna Gojo and 2 singles victories for Marin Cilic secured their place at the Davis Cup Finals this year. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Finals
- **At the 2019 Finals**, as defending champions, Croatia lost both ties they contested, falling to Russia 3-0 and Spain 3-0 as they finished in 3rd place in Group B. Their defeat to Russia ended a 5-tie Davis Cup winning streak.
- Prior to 1993, Croatian players **represented Yugoslavia**.
- Croatia are currently ranked No. 2 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, Czech Republic, France, Great Britain, Russia and Spain), having been ranked No. 1 between November 2005 and September 2006.
- **Captain Vedran Martić** became Croatian captain ahead of the 2020 season, leading Croatia to victory against India in the Qualifiers in his first tie in charge, before the team won their opening 4 ties at this year’s Finals. Martić never played Davis Cup, but has enjoyed a successful coaching career, working with Goran Ivanisevic, Karen Khachanov and Marin Cilic among others.

## Croatia – Historical Information

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

| Rank | Player             | Win-loss     |
|------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1.   | <b>Marin Cilic</b> | <b>42-20</b> |
| 2.   | Ivan Ljubicic      | 36-19        |
| 3.   | Goran Ivanisevic** | 33-11        |
| 4.   | Mario Ancic        | 21-13        |
| 5.   | Ivo Karlovic       | 13-14        |

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

| Rank | Player             | Win-loss     |
|------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1.   | <b>Marin Cilic</b> | <b>32-14</b> |
| 2.   | Ivan Ljubicic      | 23-12        |
| 3.   | Goran Ivanisevic** | 20-6         |
| 4.   | Mario Ancic        | 13-11        |
| 5.   | Borna Coric        | 10-8         |

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

| Rank | Player                              | Win-loss     |
|------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1=   | Goran Ivanisevic**<br>Ivan Ljubicic | 13-5<br>13-6 |
| 3.   | <b>Marin Cilic</b>                  | <b>10-6</b>  |
| 4.   | Ivan Dodig                          | 9-8          |
| 5.   | Mario Ancic                         | 8-2          |

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

| Rank | Player  | Ties played    |
|------|---|----------------|
| 1.   | <b>Marin Cilic</b>                              | <b>30</b>      |
| 2.   | Ivan Ljubicic                                   | 22             |
| 3=   | Mario Ancic<br>Ivan Dodig<br>Goran Ivanisevic** | 18<br>18<br>18 |

\*records apply only to the Croatian team that has competed since 1993

\*\*Ivanisevic represented Croatia between 1993 and 2003. Prior to this, he represented Yugoslavia in 1988-91. Including his record for Yugoslavia, he has a 48-15 Davis Cup win-loss record (28-9 in singles, 20-6 in doubles) and played 26 ties.

## Croatia – Player Information

| Player          | DC debut year | DC seasons played | DC ties played | DC singles win-loss | DC doubles win-loss |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Marin Cilic     | 2006          | 13                | 30             | 32-14               | 10-6                |
| Nino Serdarusic | 2021          | 1                 | 1              | 1-0                 | 0-0                 |
| Borna Gojo      | 2019          | 2                 | 6              | 4-2                 | 0-0                 |
| Mate Pavic      | 2013          | 5                 | 10             | 0-1                 | 4-6                 |
| Nikola Mektic   | 2011          | 5                 | 10             | 1-2                 | 7-1                 |

- **MARIN CILIC**

- **Age:** 33 (born 28 September 1988 in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- **Rankings:** 30 (singles), 419 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Stuttgart, St Petersburg; RU Moscow; SF Singapore, Estoril; QF Queen's
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Silver Tokyo Olympics; SF Stuttgart
- **Davis Cup:** Cilic made a successful return to the Croatian team in the 2020 Qualifiers, having missed the 2019 Finals due to a knee injury. He defeated both Ramkumar Ramanathan and Sumit Nagal in Croatia's victory over India in the Qualifiers. He also defeated Australia's Alex de Minaur in the first match he contested this week to extend his leads at the top of the lists for most total Davis Cup match-wins by a Croatian player and most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Croatian player – but has lost his 3 subsequent matches at this year's Finals, falling to Hungary's Zsombor Piros, Italy's Jannik Sinner and Serbia's Novak Djokovic. He won 5 of the 6 Davis Cup singles matches he contested during Croatia's title-winning season in 2018.

- **NINO SERDARUSIC**
  - **Age:** 24 (born 13 December 1996 in Zagreb, Croatia)
  - **Rankings:** 243 (singles), 233 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup:** Serdarusic made his Davis Cup debut during Croatia's victory over Hungary on Sunday. He recorded his first victory in the competition by defeating Fabian Marozsan in the opening match of the tie. He was nominated for the first time for Croatia's victory over India in the 2020 Qualifiers but did not contest a match in the tie.
  
- **BORNA GOJO**
  - **Age:** 22 (born 27 February 1998 in Split, Croatia)
  - **Rankings:** 279 (singles), 449 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup:** Gojo made his Davis Cup debut at the 2019 Davis Cup Finals, losing both matches he contested in straight sets, falling to Russia's Andrey Rublev and Spain's Rafael Nadal. He recorded his first victory in the competition in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating India's Prajesh Gunneswaran in 3 sets – and has won all 3 matches he has contested at this year's Finals so far, recording victories against Australia's Alexei Popyrin, Italy's Lorenzo Sonogo and Serbia's Dusan Lajovic. They are the first Top 100 players he has defeated at Tour-level.
  
- **MATE PAVIC**
  - **Age:** 28 (born 4 July 1993 in Split, Croatia)
  - **Rankings:** unranked (singles), 1 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Antalya, Melbourne 2, Rotterdam, Miami, Monte Carlo, Rome, Eastbourne, Wimbledon, Tokyo Olympics; RU Dubai, Madrid, Toronto; SF Australian Open, ATP Finals
  - **Davis Cup:** Pavic recorded his first Davis Cup match-win when he and Mektic defeated Australia's De Minaur/John Peers in Croatia's opening group stage tie. The pair have subsequently all 3 decisive doubles matches they have played at the Finals, defeating Hungary's Marozsan/Peter Nagy in the group stages, Italy's Fabio Fognini/Sinner in the quarterfinals and Serbia's Djokovic/Filip Krajinovic in the semifinals. He lost the only match he contested at the 2019 Finals – he and Dodig fell to Spain's Marcel Granollers/Rafael Nadal in straight sets. He also lost the only match he contested in the 2020 Qualifiers, falling to India's Rohan Bopanna/Leander Paes alongside Franko Skugor.
  
- **NIKOLA MEKTIC**
  - **Age:** 32 (born 24 December 1988 in Zagreb, Croatia)
  - **Rankings:** unranked (singles), 2 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Antalya, Melbourne 2, Rotterdam, Miami, Monte Carlo, Rome, Eastbourne, Wimbledon, Tokyo Olympics; RU Dubai, Madrid, Toronto; SF Australian Open, ATP Finals
  - **Davis Cup:** Mektic has won 7 of the 8 Davis Cup doubles matches he has contested, including his 4 victories alongside Pavic this week against Australia's De Minaur/Peers, Hungary's Marozsan/Nagy, Italy's Fognini/Sinner and Serbia's Djokovic/Krajinovic. He will equal Mario Ancic in 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup doubles matches won by a Croatian player if he wins the doubles match today. His only Davis Cup doubles defeat came at the 2019 Finals, when he and Ivan Dodig fell to Russia's Karen Khachanov/Andrey Rublev.