

# DAVIS CUP BY RAKUTEN QUALIFIERS 2022

4-5 MARCH - TIE PREVIEW NOTES

France (s) (c)\* v Ecuador

Venue: Palais des Sports, Pau

Surface: hard, indoors Head-to-head: first meeting

Spain (s) (c) v Romania

Venue: Puente Romano Club de Tenis, Marbella

Surface: clay, indoors

Head-to-head: Spain lead 3-1

Finland (c) v Belgium (s)

Venue: Espoo Metro Areena, Espoo

Surface: hard, indoors

Head-to-head: Belgium lead 2-1

USA (s) (c) v Colombia

Venue: Reno Events Center, Reno

Surface: hard, indoors Head-to-head: tied 2-2

Netherlands (c) v Canada (s)

Venue: Sportcampus Zuiderpark, The Hague

Surface: clay, indoors

Head-to-head: Canada lead 3-1

Brazil (c) v Germany (s)

Venue: Parque Olímpico Arena Tenis, Rio de Janeiro

Surface: clay, outdoors

Head-to-head: Germany lead 4-2

Slovakia (c) v Italy (s)

Venue: NTC Arena, Bratislava

Surface: hard, indoors Head-to-head: Italy lead 1-0

Australia (s) (c) v Hungary

Venue: Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney

Surface: hard, outdoors Head-to-head: tied 1-1

Norway (c)\* v Kazakhstan (s)

Venue: Oslo Tennis Arena, Oslo

Surface: hard, indoors Head-to-head: first meeting

Sweden (s) (c) v Japan

Venue: Helsingborg Arena, Helsingborg

Surface: hard, indoors

Head-to-head: Sweden lead 1-0

Argentina (s) (c) v Czech Republic

Venue: Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, Buenos Aires

Surface: clay, outdoors

Head-to-head: Czech Republic lead 5-1

Korea, Rep. (c)\* v Austria (s)

Venue: Olympic Park Tennis Court, Seoul

Surface: hard, indoors Head-to-head: first meeting

(s) = seed (c) = choice of ground \* = choice of ground was decided by lot

#### WHAT'S AT STAKE THIS WEEKEND?

The 24 nations contesting the Qualifiers this weekend are competing for a place at the 2022 Davis Cup by Rakuten Finals\*. The 12 winning nations will secure a place in the Davis Cup Finals group stage in September.

This weekend's ties will be played as best-of-5-matches. On Friday, the home nation's No. 1 player will play the away nation's No. 2 player and vice versa. On Saturday, the doubles match will be played first, followed by the home nation's No. 1 player against the away nation's No. 1 player, then home nation's No. 2 player against the away nation's No. 2 player. All live matches are played as best-of-3 tiebreak sets.

At the Davis Cup Finals group stage on 14-18 September, 16 nations will compete in 4 groups of 4 teams, with the winner and runner-up in each group advancing to the Davis Cup Finals knock-out stage on 23-27 November.

The 12 losing nations in the Qualifiers this weekend will compete in World Group I on 16-17 September alongside the winning nations in this weekend's World Group I Play-Offs.

\*Croatia (2021 runners-up), Great Britain and Serbia (wild cards) have already qualified for the 2022 Davis Cup Finals. Following the suspension of the Russian Tennis Federation from ITF membership and international team competitions, the Davis Cup Committee will meet during the week commencing 7 March to make a decision on the Finals line-up and other related matters.



#### **WORLD GROUP I & WORLD GROUP II PLAY-OFFS**

A total of 34 Davis Cup ties are taking place on a home-and-away basis this weekend, with 11 World Group I Play-Offs also being played.

The winning nations in the World Group I Play-Offs will compete in World Group I in September alongside the losing nations from the Qualifiers. The losing nations in the World Group I Play-Offs and the winning nations in the World Group II Play-Offs will compete in World Group II in September. The losing nations in the World Group II Play-Offs will compete in regional Group III events later in the year.

#### **PAST CHAMPIONS**

In total, 15 nations have won the Davis Cup.

•	USA	32
•	Australia	28
•	France, Great Britain	10
•	Sweden	7
•	Spain	6
•	Czech Republic, Germany, Russian Tennis Federation	3
•	Croatia	2
•	Argentina, Italy, Serbia, South Africa, Switzerland	1

## **COMEBACKS FROM 0-2 DOWN**

Since the competition began in 1900 there have been 60 comebacks from 0-2 down in the Davis Cup – most recently when Belgium recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Bolivia in a World Group I tie in September last year.

#### PARTICIPATING NATIONS

148 nations have entered the 2022 Davis Cup.

## DAVIS CUP NATIONS RANKING

The Davis Cup Nations Ranking was launched at the end of 2001. It measures success in the competition over the preceding 4-year period, with recent performances weighted more heavily.

Latest Davis Cu	n Nations	Ranking /	/6 I	December 2021	ı١
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1	Croatia	26	Brazil
2	France	27	Korea, Republic
3	Spain	28	Portugal
4	Belgium	29=	Bosnia and Herzegovina
5	USA	29=	Slovakia
6	Serbia	31	Israel
7	Canada	32	Finland
8	Russia	33	Uruguay
9	Germany	34	Ukraine
10	Italy	35	Pakistan
11	Great Britain	36	Romania
12	Australia	37	Peru
13	Kazakhstan	38	Lebanon
14	Sweden	39	Norway
15	Argentina	40	Mexico
16	Austria	41	Lithuania
17	Colombia	42	New Zealand
18	Japan	43	China, P.R.
19	Czech Republic	44	Bolivia
20	Netherlands	45	Switzerland
21	Chile	46	Belarus
22	India	47	Poland
23	Hungary	48	Dominican Republic
24	Ecuador	49	Slovenia
25	Uzbekistan	50	Denmark



# FRANCE v ECUADOR

PALAIS DES SPORTS, PAU (FRA) - HARD, INDOORS

Head-to-head: first meeting

FRANCE	V	ECUADOR	
2	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	24	
Champions 10 times	Best Result	Interzonal SFs 1967 World Group QFs 1985	
1904	First Year Played	19 <del>6</del> 1	
102	Seasons Played (inc 2022)	56	
262	Ties Played	117	
171-91	Ties Win-Loss	61-56	
4	Comebacks from 0-2 down	0	

#### France - Team Information

- FRANCE are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 3rd time. They are competing in the Qualifiers for the first time, having qualified automatically for the Finals in 2019 and been awarded a wild card for the Finals in 2020-21.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, France was awarded a wild card for the Finals and finished in 2nd place in Group C after defeating Czech Republic 2-1 but falling to Great Britain 2-1. They failed to reach the quarterfinals as one of the 2 best group runners-up.
- 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 (I. Switzerland) and 2018 (I. Croatia).
- France are bidding to win their 11th Davis Cup title this year 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 dropped to No. 2 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking** in December last year. They had held the No. 1 ranking for 4 years, having risen to No. 1 for the first time since 2004 after winning their 10th title in November 2017. They are one of 8 nations to have held the No. 1 ranking, alongside Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Russia and Spain.

#### 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
Adrian Mannarino	2018	2	3	2-2	0-0
Arthur Rinderknech	2021	1	1	0-1	1-0
Benjamin Bonzi	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Pierre-Hugues Herbert	2016	5	11	0-1	10-1
Nicolas Mahut	2015	6	15	1-2	13-2

#### ADRIAN MANNARINO

- Age: 33 (born 29 June 1988 in Soisy-Sous-Montmorency, France)
- Rankings: 58 (singles), 214 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: QF Montpellier, Dallas, Delray Beach; R16 Australian Open
- Davis Cup: Mannarino made his 2nd and 3rd Davis Cup appearances at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals, defeating Czech Republic's Jiri Vesely but falling to Great Britain's Daniel Evans in the 2 matches contested. He has played at one other 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.

#### ARTHUR RINDERKNECH

- Age: 26 (born 23 July 1995 in Gassin, France)
- Rankings: 59 (singles), 163 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: RU Adelaide II; SF Doha
- **Davis Cup**: Rinderknech made his Davis Cup debut at the 2021 Finals. He contested one tie, defeating Cameron Norrie in singles before he and Mahut fell to Joe Salisbury/Neal Skupski during France's defeat to Great Britain.

#### BENJAMIN BONZI

- Age: 25 (born 9 June 1996 in Nimes, France)
- Rankings: 67 (singles), 136 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: SF Marseille
- Davis Cup: Bonzi could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.



#### PIERRE-HUGUES HERBERT

• Age: 30 (born 18 March 1991 in Schiltigheim, France)

• Rankings: 112 (singles), 8 (doubles)

• 2022 doubles highlights: Won Montpellier

• Davis Cup: Herbert has lost just one Davis Cup doubles match – 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 won the only match he contested at the 2021 Finals, when he and Mahut defeated Czech Republic's Jiri Lehecka/Tomas Machac.

## NICOLAS MAHUT

Age: 40 (born 21 January 1982 in Angers, France)

• Rankings: 484 (singles), 7 (doubles)

• 2022 doubles highlights: Won Montpellier; SF Rotterdam

 Davis Cup: Mahut's 10-match winning streak in Davis Cup doubles matches ended with defeat to Great Britain's Salisbury/Skupski alongside Rinderknech at the 2021 Finals. He had previously 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 the only match they played together at the 2021 Finals, defeating Czech Republic's Lehecka/Machac.

#### **Ecuador – Team Information**

- <u>ECUADOR</u> are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 2nd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Ecuador recorded a 3-0 victory over Japan in Miki in the 2020 Qualifiers to advance to the Finals. At the Finals in 2021, they finished in 3rd place in Group A after 3-0 defeats to both Spain and Russian Tennis Federation.
- Ecuador's defeats at the 2021 Finals ended a 3-tie Davis Cup winning streak. In addition to their victory
  over Japan in 2020, they also recorded wins against Barbados in 2018 and Venezuela in 2019. Their last
  defeat in the competition prior to the 2021 Finals came in the 2018 Americas Group I first round against
  Chile.
- 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 highestranking of No. 15 in March 2010.

#### **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
5=	Emilio Gomez	14-9
	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 seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Emilio Gomez	2010	11	18	14-9	3-6
Roberto Quiroz	2011	9	15	7-6	1-9
Diego Hidalgo	2012	4	7	1-1	3-4
Antonio Cayetano March	2019	1	1	1-0	0-0
Gonzalo Escobar	2013	7	12	4-3	4-4

#### EMILIO GOMEZ

- Age: 30 (born 28 November 1991 in Guayaguil, Ecuador)
- Rankings: 144 (singles), 431 (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 this weekend. 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 weeken. He lost both of the matches he contested at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals falling to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta in a final-set tiebreak and to the Russian Tennis Federation's Daniil Medvedev in straight sets.

#### ROBERTO QUIROZ

- Age: 30 (born 23 February 1992 in Guayaquil, Ecuador)
- Rankings: 381 (singles), 202 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Quiroz lost both of the matches he contested at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals, falling to Spain's Feliciano Lopez in straight sets and to the Russian Tennis Federation's Andrey Rublev in 3 sets. He had won 4 of the 5 previous matches he had contested in the competition.. 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: 589 (singles), 138 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Hidalgo and Escobar lost both of the doubles matches they played at the Davis Cup Finals last year, but forced both Spain's Carreno Busta/Marcel Granollers and the Russian Tennis Federation's Aslan Karatsev/Rublev to deciding sets. The pair won the 3rd point in Ecuador's victory over Japan in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating Ben McLachlan/Yasutaka Uchiyama in straight sets.

#### ANTONIO CAYETANO MARCH

- Age: 21 (born 3 July 2000)
- Rankings: 700 (singles), 662 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: March could contest his first live Davis Cup match this weekend. 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 the 2020 Qualifiers and for the 2021 Finals but did not play a match at either event.

#### • GONZALO ESCOBAR

- Age: 33 (born 20 January 1989 in Manta, Ecuador)
- Rankings: 823 (singles), 40 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: RU Adelaide II; SF Adelaide I, Buenos Aires
- Davis Cup: Escobar and Hidalgo lost both of the doubles matches they played at the Davis Cup Finals last year, but forced both Spain's Carreno Busta/Marcel Granollers and the Russian Tennis Federation's Aslan Karatsev/Rublev to deciding sets. The pair won the 3rd point in Ecuador's victory over Japan in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating Ben McLachlan/Yasutaka Uchiyama in straight sets.



# SPAIN v ROMANIA

## PUENTE ROMANO CLUB DE TENIS, MARBELLA - CLAY, OUTDOORS

#### Head-to-head: Spain lead 3-1

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1967	Europe Quarterfinal	Clay (O)	Bucharest (ROU)	Spain d. Romania 3-2
1969	Europe Semifinal	Clay (O)	Valencia (ESP)	Romania d. Spain 4-1
1975	Europe Semifinal	Clay (O)	Barcelona (ESP)	Spain d. Romania 3-2
2016	Europe/Africa Group I	Hard (I)	Cluj-Napoca (ROU)	Spain d. Romania 4-1

A 5th meeting for Spain and Romania, and their first for 6 years. It is the nations' first meeting on a clay court since 1975.

SPAIN	V	ROMANIA
3	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	36
Champions 6 times	Best Result	Runners-up 1969, 1971, 1972
1921	First Year Played	1922
86	Seasons Played (inc 2022)	78
213	Ties Played	157
135-78	Ties Win-Loss	81-76
0	Comebacks from 0-2 down	1

#### **Spain - Team Information**

- <u>SPAIN</u> are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 3rd time. They are competing in the Qualifiers for the first time, having qualified automatically for the Finals in both 2019 and 2020-21.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Spain finished in 2nd place in Group A after defeating Ecuador 3-0 but falling to Russian Tennis Federation 2-1. They failed to reach the quarterfinals as one of the 2 best group runners-up.
- In 2019, Spain won their **6th Davis Cup title**. The team defeated Russia and Croatia in the group stages, before advancing to the final after victories over Argentina and Great Britain. They defeated Canada 2-0 in the final, with Roberto Bautista Agut and Rafael Nadal recording victories over Felix Auger-Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov, respectively. As 2019 champions, they qualified automatically for the Finals this year.
- Spain are bidding to win their 7th Davis Cup title this season and equal Sweden in 5th place on the all-time list for most Davis Cup titles won. In addition to their title in 2019, they also won the title in 2000 (d. Australia), 2004 (d. USA), 2008 (d. Argentina), 2009 (d. Czech Republic) and 2011 (d. Argentina). They also finished runners-up in 1965 (l. Australia), 1967 (l. Australia), 2003 (l. Australia) and 2012 (l. Czech Republic).
- Spain have won 12 of their last 15 ties. Their only defeats in that time came in the 2017 quarterfinals, when the team fell to Serbia in Belgrade, in the 2018 semifinals, when the team fell to France in Lille, and at the 2021 Finals, when the team fell to Russian Tennis Federation in Madrid.
- Spain are currently ranked No. 3 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, Great Britain and Russia), having been ranked No. 1 between September 2004 and September 2005, and again between July 2009 and February 2013.



#### **Spain – Historical Information**

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Manuel Santana	92-28
2.	Manuel Orantes	60-27
3.	Juan Gisbert	45-24
4.	Rafael Nadal	37-5
5.	Emilio Sanchez	32-23

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Manuel Santana	69-17
2.	Manuel Orantes	39-19
3.	Rafael Nadal	29-1
4.	David Ferrer	28-5
5.	Juan Gisbert	27-20

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Manuel Santana	23-11
2.	Manuel Orantes	21-8
3.	Sergio Casal	19-9
4.	Juan Gisbert	18-4
5.	Jose-Luis Arilla	17-13

## Most Davis Cup ties played by a Spanish player

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Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Manuel Santana	46
2.	Manuel Orantes	38
3.	Juan Gisbert	37
4.	Feliciano Lopez	31
5.	Emilio Sanchez	30

## Spain - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Roberto Bautista Agut	2014	6	10	8-6	0-0
Pablo Carreno Busta	2016	5	8	3-5	2-1
Carlos Alcaraz	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Alejandro Davidovich Fokina	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Pedro Martinez	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0

# • ROBERTO BAUTISTA AGUT

- Age: 31 (born 14 April 1988 in Castellon de la Plana, Spain)
- Rankings: 15 (singles), unranked (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: Won Doha; QF Montpellier
- Davis Cup: Bautista Agut missed the 2021 Davis Cup Finals due to injury. His last appearance in the competition came in the 2019 final, when he defeated Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime in straight sets in the opening match of the tie as Spain won the Davis Cup title for the 6th time. He won 2 of his 3 matches at the 2019 Finals, with his only defeat coming against Russia's Andrey Rublev.



#### PABLO CARRENO BUSTA

• Age: 30 (born 12 July 1991 in Gijon, Spain)

• Rankings: 17 (singles), 314 (doubles)

• 2022 singles highlights: R16 Australian Open

Davis Cup: Carreno Busta won 2 of the 3 matches he played at the 2021 Finals, winning both of
the matches he played in Spain's victory over Ecuador, defeating Emilio Gomez in singles and
Gonzalo Escobar/Diego Hidalgo alongside Marcel Granollers in doubles, but falling to Daniil
Medvedev in singles in Spain's defeat to Russian Tennis Federation. He has won just one other live
singles match in the competition – against Croatia's Nikola Mektic in the 2017 World Group first
round.

## CARLOS ALCARAZ

Age: 18 (born 5 May 2003 in El Palmar, Spain)

• Rankings: 20 (singles), unranked (doubles)

• 2022 singles highlights: Won Rio de Janeiro

• Davis Cup: Alcaraz could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend. He was originally nominated for the 2021 Finals but had to withdraw after testing positive for Covid-19. Alcaraz was a member of the Spanish team which defeated France to win the Junior Davis Cup title in Budapest in 2018.

#### ALEJANDRO DAVIDOVICH FOKINA

Age: 22 (born 5 June 1999 in Malaga, Spain)

• Rankings: 43 (singles), 195 (doubles)

• 2022 singles highlights: QF Doha

• Davis Cup: Davidovich Fokina could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.

#### • PEDRO MARTINEZ

Age: 24 (born 26 April 1997 in Alzira, Spain)

• Rankings: 72 (singles), 64 (doubles)

• 2022 singles highlights: Won Santiago

• Davis Cup: Martinez could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the 2nd time – he was also nominated for the 2021 Finals as a late replacement for Alcaraz, but did not contest a match at the Finals. Martinez was a member of the Spanish team which won the Junior Davis Cup title in 2013.

#### Romania - Team Information

- ROMANIA are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the first time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Romania received a walkover from China, P.R. in the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020, before winning a World Group I tie against Portugal 3-1 in September 2021 and a World Group I Knock-out tie against Peru 4-0 in November 2021.
- Romania have **won 5 of their last 6 Davis Cup ties**. Their only defeat in that time came in September 2018, when they fell to Poland 3-2 in a Europe/Africa Group II third round tie in Cluj-Napoca.
- Having finished runner-up in 1969, 1971 and 1972, falling to USA in the final on all 3 occasions, Romania
  jointly holds the record for most appearances in the Davis Cup final without ever having won the title,
  alongside Belgium and India.
- Romania are currently ranked at No. 36 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest-ranking since the rankings were introduced in 2001 is No. 11, which they reached in March 2005.



#### Romania - Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Romanian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Ilie Nastase	109-37
2.	Ion Tiriac	70-39
3.	Andrei Pavel	40-22
4.	Florin Segarceanu	38-25
5.	Marius Copil	24-11

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Romanian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Ilie Nastase	74-22
2.	Ion Tiriac	40-28
3.	Andrei Pavel	32-15
4.	Florin Segarceanu	23-15
5.	Marius Copil	19-8

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Romanian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Ilie Nastase	35-15
2.	Ion Tiriac	30-11
3.	Horia Tecau	19-9
4.	Florin Segarceanu	15-10
5.	Florin Mergea	12-5

Most Davis Cup ties played by a Romanian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Ilie Nastase	52
2.	Ion Tiriac	43
3.	Horia Tecau	28
4.	Andrei Pavel	27
5.	Florin Segarceanu	25

## Romania - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Marius Copil	2009	12	20	19-8	5-3
Nicolae Frunza	2017	3	4	1-4	1-0
Stefan Palosi	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Gabi Adrian Boitan	2021	1	1	1-0	0-0
Horia Tecau	2003	16	28	0-2	19-9

#### MARIUS COPIL

- Age: 31 (born 17 October 1990 in Arad, Romania)
- Rankings: 260 (singles), 851 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Copil is bidding to become the 5th Romanian player to record 20 Davis Cup singles match-wins this weekend. He is also bidding to extend a 6-match Davis Cup winning streak and won all 5 matches he played in the competition during the 2021 season. He played one match in Romania's last meeting against Spain in the nations' Europe/Africa Group I tie in 2016 falling to Feliciano Lopez in 5 sets in the opening match of the tie.



#### NICOLAE FRUNZA

- Age: 24 (born 15 November 1997 in Bucharest, Romania)
- Rankings: 620 (singles), 879 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup**: Frunza is bidding to record his 2nd Davis Cup singles match-win this weekend. He recorded his first singles victory in the competition against Nicolas Alvarez during Romania's win against Peru in the World Group I Knock-outs in November.

#### STEFAN PALOSI

- Age: 22 (born 28 January 2000 in Constanta, Romania)
- Rankings: 638 (singles), 924 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Palosi could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the 2nd time. He was also nominated for the World Group I Knock-out tie against Peru in November 2021 but did not contest a match.

## • GABI ADRIAN BOITAN

- Age: 22 (born 11 July 1999 in Constanta, Romania)
- Rankings: 725 (singles), 1307 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup**: Boitan made his Davis Cup debut in November last year, defeating Peru's Jorge Brian Panta in straight sets in the dead 4th match of the tie.

#### HORIA TECAU

- Age: 37 (born 19 January 1985 in Constanta, Romania)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 17 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Tecau has postponed his retirement from professional tennis to compete in this tie. He had planned to end his playing career at the end of the 2021 season and has not He is bidding to become the 3rd Romanian man to record 20 Davis Cup doubles match-wins after Ilie Nastase and Ion Tiriac.



## FINLAND v BELGIUM

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## Head-to-head: Belgium leads 2-1

1950	Europe First Round	unknown	Brussels (BEL)	Belgium d. Finland 4-1
1970	Europe First Round	unknown	Helsinki (FIN)	Belgium d. Finland 4-1
1988	Europe Group I First Round	Clay (O)	Brussels (BEL)	Finland d. Belgium 4-1

A 4th Davis Cup meeting for Belgium and Finland – but their first in 34 years. Belgium lead the overall head-to-head, but lost the last tie between the 2 nations, in Brussels in 1988.

FINLAND	v	BELGIUM
32	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	4
WG POs 3 times; Qualifiers 2022	Best Result	Runners-up 1904, 2015, 2017
1928	First Year Played	1904
77	Seasons Played (inc 2022)	99
131	Ties Played	196
55-76	Ties Win-Loss	100-96
2	Comebacks from 0-2 down	1

#### Finland - Team Information

- FINLAND are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the first time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Finland defeated Mexico 3-2 in the World Group I Play-offs in Metepec in March 2020 before defeating India 3-1 in a World Group I tie in Espoo in September 2021 to reach the Qualifiers for the first time.
- Finland have won 6 of their last 7 Davis Cup ties. Their only defeat in that time came in September 2019, when they fell to Austria 3-2 in a Europe/Africa Group I tie in Espoo.
- Finland's **best Davis Cup performance** is reaching the World Group play-offs on 3 occasions in the competition's old format in 1990 (I. Sweden), 1999 (I. Italy) and 2002 (I. Netherlands) and the Qualifiers this season.
- Finland are currently ranked at No. 32 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest-ranking since the rankings were introduced in 2001 is No. 25, which they reached in September 2002.

## Finland - Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Jarkko Nieminen	63-27
2.	Tuomas Ketola	28-34
3.	Olli Rahnasto	26-25
4.	Henri Kontinen	22-10
5.	Leo Palin	20-18

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Jarkko Nieminen	48-11
2.	Olli Rahnasto	17-12
3.	Tuomas Ketola	16-22
4.	Leo Palin	15-9
5.	Sakari Salo	13-16



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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Henri Kontinen	16-6
2.	Jarkko Nieminen	15-16
3.	Tuomas Ketola	12-12
4.	Olli Rahnasto	9-13
5=	Harri Heliovaara	7-5
	Ville Liukko	7-5

## Most Davis Cup ties played by a Finnish player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Jarkko Nieminen	35
2.	Tuomas Ketola	31
3.	Olli Rahnasto	24
4.	Henri Kontinen	22
5.	Harri Heliovaara	19

#### Finland - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Emil Ruusuvuori	2017	4	6	6-4	0-1
Otto Virtanen	2020	1	2	2-1	0-0
Patrik Niklas-Salminen	2016	5	7	2-4	2-1
Harri Heliovaara	2008	11	19	9-14	7-5
Otso Martikainen	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0

#### • EMIL RUUSUVUORI

- Age: 22 (born 2 April 1999 in Helsinki, Finland)
- Rankings: 71 (singles), 186 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: RU Pune; SF Melbourne
- Davis Cup: Ruusuvuori is bidding to extend a 4-match winning streak in Davis Cup singles
  matches, having not lost a singles match in the competition since falling to Egypt's Mohamed
  Safwat in the 2018 Europe/Africa Group II third round. He won the only match he contested in
  Finland's World Group I victory over India last September, defeating Ramkumar Ramanathan in
  straight sets.

## OTTO VIRTANEN

- Age: 20 (born 21 June 2001 in Hyvinkaa, Finland)
- Rankings: 380 (singles), 640 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Virtanen made his Davis Cup debut during Finland's World Group I Play-off victory over Mexico in 2020. He lost the first match he contested in the competition, against Gerardo Lopez Villasenor, but defeated Manuel Sanchez in the decisive fifth match of the win over Mexico, and defeating Prajnesh Gunneswaran in straight sets during Finland's World Group I victory over India last September.

#### PATRIK NIKLAS-SALMINEN

- Age: 24 (born 5 March 1997 in Tampere, Finland) turns 25 on Saturday
- Rankings: 733 (singles), 593 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Niklas-Salminen won the last live match he contested in the competition, defeating Sanchez in the first match of Finland's World Group I Play-off victory over Mexico in 2020. He has won 2 of the 3 doubles matches he has contested in Davis Cup but has not played a doubles match in the competition since 2018.



#### HARRI HELIOVAARA

• Age: 32 (born 4 June 1989 in Helsinki, Finland)

• Rankings: 1015 (singles), 55 (doubles)

• 2022 doubles highlights: RU Montpellier, Dallas; SF Acapulco

• **Davis Cup**: Heliovaara will become the 5th Finnish player to contest 20 Davis Cup ties if he plays this weekend. He is bidding to extend a 7-match winning streak in Davis Cup doubles matches, having not lost a doubles match in the competition since he and Jarkko Nieminen fell to Romania's Florin Mergea/Horia Tecau in a 2013 Europe/Africa Group I relegation play-off.

#### OTSO MARTIKAINEN

Age: 16 (born 20 January 2006)

• Rankings: unranked (singles), unranked (doubles)

 Davis Cup: Martikainen could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.

## **Belgium - Team Information**

- **BELGIUM** are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 2nd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Belgium fell to Hungary 3-2 in the Qualifiers in Debrecen in March 2020 before defeating Bolivia 3-2 in a World Group I tie in Asuncion, Paraguay in September 2021. Their victory against Bolivia was the first successful comeback from 0-2 down in Belgium's history and the most-recent 0-2 comeback at a Davis Cup tie.
- Belgium have a **1-1 win-loss record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties** in addition to their defeat to Hungary in 2020, they defeated Brazil 3-1 in the 2019 Qualifiers to make their only appearance at the Davis Cup Finals to date.
- Having finished runner-up in 1904 (I. British Isles), 2015 (I. Great Britain) and 2017 (I. France), Belgium
  jointly holds the record for most appearances in the Davis Cup final without ever having won the title,
  alongside India and Romania.
- Belgium are currently ranked at No. 4 in the Davis Cup Nations Ranking one place lower than their highest ranking of No. 3.

#### **Belgium – Historical Information**

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Belgian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Jacques Brichant	71-49
2.	Philippe Washer	66-36
3.	Andre Lacroix	35-25
4.	Patrick Hombergen	26-31
5=	Steve Darcis	24-19
	David Goffin	24-7

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Belgian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Jacques Brichant	52-27
2.	Philippe Washer	46-18
3.	David Goffin	24-4
4.	Steve Darcis	23-12
5.	Andre Lacroix	21-19



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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Philippe Washer	20-18
2.	Jacques Brichant	19-22
3=	Leopold de Borman	14-5
	Andre Lacroix	14-6
5.	Patrick Hombergen	11-7

Most Davis Cup ties played by a Belgian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Jacques Brichant	42
2.	Philippe Washer	38
3.	Olivier Rochus	30
4=	Steve Darcis	25
	Andre Lacroix	25

#### **Belgium - Player Information**

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
David Goffin	2012	8	17	24-4	0-3
Zizou Bergs	2021	1	1	0-1	0-0
Kimmer Coppejans	2015	4	4	3-4	1-0
Sander Gille	2018	3	6	0-0	4-2
Joran Vliegen	2018	3	6	0-0	4-2

#### DAVID GOFFIN

• Age: 31 (born 7 December 1990 in Rocourt, Belgium)

• Rankings: 48 (singles), 647 (doubles)

• 2022 singles highlights: QF Sydney

• Davis Cup: Goffin returns to the Belgian Davis Cup team for the first time since the 2019 Finals, having struggled with injuries during the 2020 and 2021 seasons. He has led the Belgian team to 2 finals, falling to Great Britain in 2015 and to France in 2017. He will claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup match-wins by a Belgian player if he wins one match this weekend, equal Patrick Hombergen in 4th place on the list if he wins 2 matches, and claim sole ownership of 4th place if he wins 3 matches.

#### ZIZOU BERGS

Age: 22 (born 3 June 1999 in Lommel, Belgium)

• Rankings: 168 (singles), 471 (doubles)

• **Davis Cup**: Bergs made his Davis Cup debut during Belgium's World Group I victory over Bolivia last September, falling to Murkel Dellien in the 2nd match of the tie – the only match he has contested in the competition so far.

#### • KIMMER COPPEJANS

• Age: 28 (born 7 February 1994 in Oostende, Belgium)

• Rankings: 220 (singles), 375 (doubles)

• Davis Cup: Coppejans defeated both Rogerio Dutra Silva and Thiago Monteiro in straight sets – his first victories in live Davis Cup singles matches – in the 2019 Qualifiers, but lost both of his matches in the Qualifiers the following year. He fell to both Marton Fucsovics and Attila Balazs in Belgium's defeat to Hungary. He was not nominated for the World Group I tie against Bolivia last September.



#### SANDER GILLE

- Age: 31 (born 15 January 1991 in Hasselt, Belgium)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 28 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Gille made his Davis Cup debut in Belgium's defeat to USA in the 2018 quarterfinals in Nashville, falling to Ryan Harrison/Jack Sock in the doubles match alongside Vliegen. The pair have won 4 of the 5 matches they have played in the competition since then, including victories against Hungary's Balazs/Fucsovics in the 2020 Qualifiers and against Bolivia's Boris Arias/Federico Zeballos in the 2021 World Group I tie.

## JORAN VLIEGEN

- Age: 28 (born 7 July 1993 in Maaseik, Belgium)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 35 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Vliegen made his Davis Cup debut in Belgium's defeat to USA in the 2018 quarterfinals in Nashville, falling to Ryan Harrison/Jack Sock in the doubles match alongside Gille. The pair have won 4 of the 5 matches they have played in the competition since then, including victories against Hungary's Balazs/Fucsovics in the 2020 Qualifiers and against Bolivia's Arias/Zeballos in the 2021 World Group I tie.



# **USA v COLOMBIA**

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#### Head-to-head: tied 2-2

1974	North America Final	Unknown	Bogota (COL)	Colombia d. USA 4-1
1979	North America Final	Hard (I)	Cleveland (USA)	USA d. Colombia 5-0
2010	World Group Play-offs	Clay (O)	Bogota (COL)	USA d. Colombia 3-1
2021	Finals Group E	Hard (I)	Turin (ITA)	Colombia d. USA 2-1

A 5th Davis Cup meeting for USA and Colombia – and their 2nd in the last 3 months after the teams met in the group stages. The nations' met twice in the 1970s, with Colombia winning on home soil in Bogota in 1974 before the Americans recorded a 5-0 win in Cleveland in 1979. Their most-recent clash came in the 2010 World Group play-offs, with USA winning 3-1 on clay in Bogota.

USA	v	COLOMBIA
5	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	17
Champions 32 times	Best Result	Finals 2019, 2021
1900	First Year Played	1959
107	Seasons Played (inc 2022)	54
296	Ties Played	114
221-75	Ties Win-Loss	59-55
1	Comebacks from 0-2 down	1

#### **USA - Team Information**

- USA are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 3rd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, USA defeated Uzbekistan 4-0 in Honolulu in the Qualifiers in March 2020 to advance to the Finals. The team finished in 3rd place in Group E at the Finals, falling to both Italy 2-1 and Colombia 2-1 in Turin.
- USA have contested 296 Davis Cup ties more than any other nation.
- USA won their **32nd Davis Cup title** in 2007, defeating Russia 4-1 in Portland, Oregon. USA and France are the only two nations to have won a Davis Cup Final on 4 surfaces (grass, clay, hard and carpet). USA are at the top of the all-time list for most Davis Cup titles ahead of Australia (28 titles) and Great Britain and France (10 titles each).
- If USA win the title this year, 15 years after their most recent Davis Cup title, it will be the **longest gap** between USA's Davis Cup successes. Their title in 2007 came 12 years after their previous title in 1995.
- USA are currently ranked No. 5 on the Davis Cup Nations Ranking. Their best position since the rankings were introduced in 2001 is No. 2, which they reached for the first time in September 2007.

#### **USA - Historical Information**

Most Davis Cup match-wins by an American player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	John McEnroe	59-10
2.	Vic Seixas	38-17
3.	Stan Smith	35-7
4.	Bill Tilden	34-7
5.	Andy Roddick	33-12



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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	John McEnroe	41-8
2.	Andy Roddick	33-12
3.	Andre Agassi	30-6
4.	Arthur Ashe	27-5
5.	Bill Tilden	25-5

#### Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by an American player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Mike Bryan	28-5
2.	Bob Bryan	26-5
3.	John van Ryn	22-2
4.	Stan Smith	20-3
5.	John McEnroe	18-2

## Most Davis Cup ties played by an American player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Mike Bryan	33
2.	Bob Bryan	31
3.	John McEnroe	30
4.	Andy Roddick	25
5=	Wilmer Allison	24
	Stan Smith	24
	John van Ryn	24

#### **USA - Player Information**

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Taylor Fritz	2019	2	3	2-1	0-0
Tommy Paul	2020	1	1	1-0	0-0
Sebastian Korda	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Jack Sock	2015	6	10	4-3	5-1
Rajeev Ram	2021	1	1	0-0	1-0

#### TAYLOR FRITZ

- Age: 24 (born 28 October 1997 in Rancho Santa Fe, CA, USA)
- Rankings: 16 (singles), 184 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: QF Dallas; R16 Australian Open
- Davis Cup: Fritz made his Davis Cup debut at the 2019 Finals, defeating Italy's Matteo Berrettini
  but falling to Canada's Denis Shapovalov. He also won the only match he contested in USA's 2020
  Qualifiers victory over Uzbekistan, defeating Sanjar Fayziev in straight sets. He was nominated for
  the 2021 Finals but withdrew due to injury.

## TOMMY PAUL

- Age: 24 (born 17 May 1997 in Voorhees, NJ, USA)
- Rankings: 39 (singles), 204 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: SF Delray Beach; QF Adelaide I, Adelaide II, Acapulco
- Davis Cup: Paul could contest his first live Davis Cup match this weekend. His only previous appearance in the competition came in the 2020 Qualifiers, when he defeated Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin in the dead 4th match of the tie.



#### **SEBASTIAN KORDA**

Age: 21 (born 5 July 2000 in Bradenton, FL, USA)

Rankings: 40 (singles), 192 (doubles)

2022 singles highlights: QF Delray Beach

Davis Cup: Korda could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time. His father, Petr, played Davis Cup for Czechoslovakia from 1988 to 1992 and for Czech Republic from 1993 to 1997.

## **JACK SOCK**

Age: 29 (born 24 September 1992 in Lincoln, NE, USA)

Rankings: 133 (singles), 144 (doubles)

2022 doubles highlights: SF Dallas

Davis Cup: Sock has won 5 of the 6 Davis Cup doubles matches he has contested, with his only defeat coming when he and Reilly Opelka retired against Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah during USA's defeat to Colombia at the Finals last year. He has a 4-3 win-loss record in Davis Cup singles matches but has not contested a singles match in the competition since falling to Jordan Thompson during USA's defeat to Australia in the 2017 guarterfinals.

#### **RAJEEV RAM**

Age: 37 (born 18 March 1984 in Denver, CO, USA)

Rankings: unranked (singles), 4 (doubles)

2022 doubles highlights: SF Australian Open

Davis Cup: Ram made his Davis Cup debut at the 2021 Finals, winning the only match he contested. He and Sock defeated Italy's Fabio Fognini/Lorenzo Musetti in straight sets.

#### Colombia - Team Information

- **COLOMBIA** are bidding to reach Davis Cup Finals for the 3rd time.
- During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season, Colombia defeated Argentina 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Bogota in March 2020 to advance to the Finals. The team finished in 2nd place in Group E. falling to Italy 2-1 before defeating USA 2-1. They failed to reach the quarterfinals as one of the 2 best group runners-up.
- Colombia are bidding to win a best-of-5-match away tie for the first time since February 2018, when they defeated Barbados 4-0 in an Americas Group I first round tie in St Michael.
- Colombia's best Davis Cup performance is reaching the Finals in both 2019 and 2021. 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. 17 on the Davis Cup Nations Ranking their joint-highest position since the rankings were introduced in 2001, having also reached No. 17 in April 2018.

#### 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	15-9
	Robert Farah	15-7
3=	Mauricio Hadad	12-6
	Miguel Tobon	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	25
4.	Miguel Tobon	23
5.	Robert Farah	22

#### Colombia - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Nicolas Mejia	2018	2	3	0-3	0-0
Alejandro Gonzalez	2014	6	9	7-6	0-0
Nicolas Barrientos	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Juan-Sebastian Cabal	2008	13	25	7-2	15-9
Robert Farah	2010	11	22	1-3	15-7

## NICOLAS MEJIA

- Age: 22 (born 11 February 2000 in Bogota, Colombia)
- Rankings: 265 (singles), 366 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Mejia made his Davis Cup debut during Colombia's defeat to Argentina in the 2018 World Group play-offs, falling to Horacio Zeballos in a dead singles match. He contested 2 matches at the Davis Cup Finals last year, falling to both Italy's Lorenzo Sonego and USA's Frances Tiafoe in 3 sets.

#### ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ

- Age: 33 (born 7 February 1989 in Medellin, Colombia)
- Rankings: 447 (singles), 602 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Gonzalez returns to the Colombian Davis Cup team for the first time since the 2020 Qualifiers, having not been nominated for the Finals last year. He has won 3 of the last 4 matches he has contested in the competition, with his defeat to Australia's Nick Kyrgios at the 2019 Finals ending a 3-match Davis Cup winning streak.

#### • NICOLAS BARRIENTOS

- Age: 34 (born 24 April 1987)
- Rankings: 475 (singles), 136 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Barrientos could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.



## • JUAN-SEBASTIAN CABAL

- Age: 35 (born 25 April 1986 in Cali, Colombia)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 10= (doubles)
- 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 2021 Finals, the pair defeated Italy's
  Fabio Fognini/Jannik Sinner and USA's Reilly Opelka/Jack Sock, who retired while trailing 2-0 in the
  opening set. Cabal is in 3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup ties played by a Colombian player.

#### ROBERT FARAH

- Age: 35 (born 20 January 1987 in Montreal, Canada)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 10= (doubles)
- 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 2021 Finals, the pair defeated Italy's
  Fognini/Sinner and USA's Opelka/Sock, who retired while trailing 2-0 in the opening set. Farah will
  equal Tobon in 4th place on the list for most Davis Cup ties played by a Colombian player if he
  plays this weekend.



# **NETHERLANDS v CANADA**

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#### Head-to-head: Canada lead 3-1

1969	Europe First Round	Clay (O)	Scheveningen (NED)	Canada d. Netherlands 3-2
1990	WG Play-offs	Hard (O)	Toronto (CAN)	Canada d. Netherlands 3-2
2004	WG First Round	Clay (I)	Maastricht (NED)	Netherlands d. Canada 4-1
2018	WG Play-offs	Hard (I)	Toronto (CAN)	Canada d. Netherlands 3-1

A 5th meeting for Netherlands and Canada – Canada leads the overall head-to-head, but the nations are tied 1-1 in ties hosted in Netherlands. In their most-recent meeting, Canada recorded a 3-1 win, with Milos Raonic defeating Scott Griekspoor (older brother of Tallon) to win the decisive 3rd point.

NETHERLANDS	V	CANADA
20	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	7
Semifinals 2001	Best Result	Runners-up 2019
1920	First Year Played	1913
94	Seasons Played (inc 2022)	92
168	Ties Played	162
75-93	Ties Win-Loss	71-91
2	Comebacks from 0-2 down	1

#### **Netherlands - Team Information**

- **NETHERLANDS** are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 2nd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Netherlands fell to Kazakhstan 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Nur-Sultan in March 2020 before defeating Uruguay 4-0 in a World Group I tie in Montevideo in September 2021.
- Netherlands have a **1-1 win-loss record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties**. In addition to their defeat to Kazakhstan in the 2020 Qualifiers, they defeated Czech Republic 3-1 in the 2019 Qualifiers in Ostrava.
- Netherlands are contesting their first home tie since the 2017 World Group play-offs, when they
  recovered from 0-2 down to defeat Czech Republic at this venue.
- Netherlands' **best Davis Cup performance** is reaching the World Group semifinals in 2001 the team defeated Spain and Germany before falling to eventual champion France in the last 4.
- Netherlands are ranked at No. 20 in the Davis Cup Nations Ranking 13 places below their best ranking
  of No. 7, which they held between December 2001 and February 2002.

### Netherlands - Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Dutch player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Hendrik Timmer	43-22
2.	Robin Haase	41-25
3.	Paul Haarhuis	31-18
4.	Arthur Diemer-Kool	25-13
5.	Michiel Schapers	23-13



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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Hendrik Timmer	32-15
2.	Robin Haase	31-15
3.	Thiemo de Bakker	16-14
4=	Paul Haarhuis	15-8
	Sjeng Schalken	15-12

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Paul Haarhuis	16-10
2.	Arthur Diemer-Kool	12-2
3.	Hendrik Timmer	11-7
4=	Robin Haase	10-10
	Jean-Julien Rojer*	10-6*
	A C van Swol	10-5
	Huub van Boeckel	10-5

<sup>\*</sup>Rojer competed for Netherlands Antilles from 1998 to 2007. He had a 12-3 doubles win-loss for Netherlands Antilles.

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

Rank	Player	Ties played
1=	Paul Haarhuis	27
	Robin Haase	27
3.	Hendrik Timmer	26
4.	Thiemo de Bakker	21
5.	Sjeng Schalken	17

#### Netherlands - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Botic van de Zandschulp	2019	2	2	1-1	0-0
Tallon Griekspoor	2019	2	4	1-3	0-0
Robin Haase	2006	14	27	31-15	10-10
Wesley Koolhof	2019	2	2	0-0	1-1
Matwe Middelkoop	2009	6	6	1-1	4-1

#### BOTIC VAN DE ZANDSCHULP

- Age: 26 (born 4 October 1995 in Wageningen, Netherlands)
- Rankings: 50 (singles), 232 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: QF Melbourne
- Davis Cup: Van de Zandschulp could contest just his 3rd Davis Cup match this weekend. He made his Davis Cup debut at the 2019 Finals, falling to Kazakhstan's Mikhail Kukushkin in the only match he contested, before recording his first victory in the competition by defeating Francisco Llanes in the opening match of Netherlands' World Group I win over Uruguay last year.

## TALLON GRIEKSPOOR

- Age: 25 (born 2 July 1996 in Haarlem, Netherlands)
- Rankings: 57 (singles), 378 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: QF Melbourne
- Davis Cup: Griekspoor recorded his first Davis Cup match-win by defeating Martin Cuevas in the 2nd match of Netherlands' World Group I win over Uruguay last year. He lost the first 3 matches he contested in the competition to Czech Republic's Jiri Vesely in the 2019 Qualifiers, to Great Britain's Andy Murray at the 2019 Finals and to Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik in the 2020 Qualifiers.



#### ROBIN HAASE

- Age: 34 (born 6 April 1987 in The Hague, Netherlands)
- Rankings: 256 (singles), 52 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: Won Rotterdam
- Davis Cup: Haase will claim sole ownership of the record for most Davis Cup ties played by a Dutch player if he contests a match this weekend, moving ahead of current captain Paul Haarhuis. He will also equal Hendrik Timmer at the top of the list for most Davis Cup match-wins by a Dutch player if he wins 2 matches this weekend. He has won 6 of the last 7 Davis Cup singles matches he has contested, with his only defeat in that time coming against Kazakhstan's Bublik in the 2020 Qualifiers.

#### WESLEY KOOLHOF

- Age: 32 (born 17 April 1989 in Duiven, Netherlands)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 18 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: Won Melbourne, Adelaide II, Doha; SF Rotterdam; QF Australian Open
- Davis Cup: Koolhof made his Davis Cup debut at the 2019 Finals, losing the only match he contested a decisive doubles match against Great Britain's Jamie Murray/Neal Skupski alongside Jean-Julien Rojer. He recorded his first victory in the competition in Netherlands' World Group I win over Uruguay last year, partnering Middelkoop to a straight sets victory against Ignacio Carou/Martin Cuevas.

#### • MATWE MIDDELKOOP

- Age: 38 (born 3 September 1983 in Leerdam, Netherlands)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 29 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: Won Rotterdam; SF Marseille
- Davis Cup: Middelkoop has won 4 of the 5 Davis Cup doubles matches he has contested, including
  a victory over Carou/Martin Cuevas in Netherlands' World Group I win over Uruguay last year
  alongside Koolhof. His only defeat in a Davis Cup doubles match came in 2016, when he and
  Haase fell to Konstantin Kravchuk/Andrey Rublev in Netherlands' 2016 Europe/Africa Group I
  second round defeat to Russia.

## Canada - Team Information

- CANADA are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 3rd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Canada finished in 3rd place in Group B at the 2021 Finals, after losing to both Sweden and Kazakhstan 3-0. The team had qualified for the 2021 Finals automatically as runners-up in 2019.
- In 2019, Canada **reached the Davis Cup final for the first time**, finishing as runners-up to Spain. The team defeated USA and Italy in the group stages, before recording victories against Australia and Russia in the knockout stages to advance to the final. Their previous best Davis Cup performance was reaching the semifinals on 2 occasions. As runners-up in 2019, they qualified automatically for the Finals this year.
- Canada won their only previous Qualifier tie in 2019, when the team defeated Slovakia 3-2 in Bratislava.
- Canada are currently ranked at No. 7 on the Davis Cup Nations Ranking one place lower than their joint-highest ranking of No. 6, which they held from February to April in 2014 and again from November 2019 to December 2021.



#### Canada - Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Canadian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Daniel Nestor	48-28
2.	Sebastien Lareau	28-19
3.	Grant Connell	23-9
4=	Frederic Niemeyer	22-13
	Vasek Pospisil	22-22

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Canadian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Sebastien Lareau	17-16
2.	Milos Raonic	16-5
3=	Frank Dancevic	15-21
	Daniel Nestor	15-15
5=	Michael Belkin	14-6
	Andrew Sznajder	14-10

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Canadian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Daniel Nestor	33-13
2.	Grant Connell	15-6
3.	Frederic Niemeyer	13-2
4.	Sebastien Lareau	11-3
5.	Vasek Pospisil	10-9

Most Davis Cup ties played by a Canadian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Daniel Nestor	53
2.	Frank Dancevic	24
3.	Vasek Pospisil	23
4.	Grant Connell	21
5.	Sebastien Lareau	20

#### Canada - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Brayden Schnur	2017	2	3	0-3	0-2
Steven Diez	2010	2	2	0-2	0-0
Peter Polansky	2007	7	11	8-6	0-1
Alexis Galarneau	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0

## BRAYDEN SCHNUR

- Age: 26 (born 4 July 1995 in Toronto, Canada)
- Rankings: 227 (singles), 358 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Schnur is bidding to record his first Davis Cup match-win this weekend. He has lost all 3 singles matches and both doubles matches he has contested in the competition to date. At the 2021 Finals, he fell to Kazakhstan's Mikhail Kukushkin in singles and to both Sweden's Andre Goransson/Robert Lindstedt alongside Vasek Pospisil and Kazakhstan's Andrey Golubev/Aleksandr Nedovyesov alongside Polansky in doubles.



#### STEVEN DIEZ

- Age: 30 (born 17 March 1991 in Toronto, Canada)
- Rankings: 258 (singles), 909 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup**: Diez made his 2nd Davis Cup appearance at the 2021 Finals, falling to Sweden's Elias Ymer in the only match he contested. His only previous Davis Cup appearance came in Canada's Americas Group I defeat to Colombia in 2010, when he fell to Santiago Giraldo in straight sets.

#### PETER POLANSKY

- Age: 33 (born 15 June 1988 in Toronto, Canada)
- Rankings: 290 (singles), 174 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Polansky made his first Davis Cup appearance in more than 7 years at the 2021 Finals, partnering Schnur in a defeat to Kazakhstan's Golubev/Nedovyesov. He played 10 ties between 2007 and 2014, earning an 8-6 win-loss record in singles. His most-recent Davis Cup appearance, prior to the 2021 Finals, came in Canada's 2014 World Group first round defeat to Japan, when he fell to both Kei Nishikori and Go Soeda.

#### ALEXIS GALARNEAU

- Age: 23 (born 2 March 1999)
- Rankings: 336 (singles), 555 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Galarneau could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.



# **BRAZIL v GERMANY**

# PARQUE OLÍMPICO ARENA TENIS, RIO DE JANEIRO - CLAY, OUTDOORS

#### Head-to-head: Germany lead 4-2

Europe Second Round	unknown	Dusseldorf (GER)	Germany d. Brazil 3-2
Europe First Round	unknown	Berlin (GER)	Brazil d. Germany 4-0
WG Play-offs	Carpet (I)	Sao Paulo (BRA)	F.R. Germany d. Brazil 3-2
WG First Round	Carpet (I)	Essen (FRG)	F.R. Germany d. Brazil 5-0
WG First Round	Clay (O)	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Brazil d. Germany 3-1
WG Play-offs	Hard (I)	Ulm (GER)	Germany d. Brazil 4-1
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A 7th meeting for Brazil and Germany – but just their 2nd in the last 30 years. Germany won their only previous meeting in that time, a World Group play-off clash in 2013. Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares both played in that tie – despite Brazil's defeat, they won the doubles match, defeating Daniel Brands/Martin Emmrich in straight sets.

BRAZIL	V	GERMANY
26	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	9
Semifinals 1992, 2000	Best Result	Champions 988, 1989, 1993
1932	First Year Played	1913*
72	Seasons Played (inc 2020)	85*
164	Ties Played	233
91-73	Ties Win-Loss	151-82
1	Comebacks from 0-2 down *Germany competed as F.R. Germany between 1961 and 19	<b>1</b> 90

## **Brazil – Team Information**

- BRAZIL are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the first time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Brazil fell to Australia 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Adelaide in March 2020, before defeating Lebanon 4-0 in a World Group I tie in Jounieh in September 2021.
- Brazil are bidding to win a Davis Cup Qualifiers tie for the first time on their 3rd attempt. In addition to the defeat to Australia in the 2020 Qualifiers, they also fell to Belgium 3-1 in the 2019 Qualifiers in Uberlandia.
- Brazil's **best Davis Cup performance** is reaching the semifinals on 2 occasions in 1992 (I. Switzerland) and 2000 (I. Australia). They also reached the Inter Zonal Final the round before the Challenge Round in both 1966 and 1971.
- Brazil are currently ranked at No. 26 in the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest-ranking is No. 6, which they achieved in when the rankings were launched in December 2001.

## **Brazil - Player Information**

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Tomas Koch	74-44
2.	Jose-Edison Mandarino	68-41
3=	Carlos Kirmayr	34-22
	Gustavo Kuerten	34-18
5.	Cassio Motta	28-21



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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Tomas Koch	46-32
2.	Jose-Edison Mandarino	41-31
3=	Thomaz Bellucci	21-15
	Gustavo Kuerten	21-11
5.	Carlos Kirmayr	17-15

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Brazilian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Tomas Koch	28-12
2.	Jose-Edison Mandarino	27-10
3.	Marcelo Melo	18-5
4.	Carlos Kirmayr	17-7
5=	Cassio Motta	15-5
	Bruno Soares	15-4

Most Davis Cup ties played by a Brazilian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Tomas Koch	44
2.	Jose-Edison Mandarino	43
3.	Carlos Kirmayr	28
4.	Cassio Motta	27
5.	Jaime Oncins	25

#### **Brazil - Player Information**

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Thiago Monteiro	2016	5	8	7-8	0-0
Thiago Seyboth Wild	2020	1	1	0-1	0-0
Felipe Meligeni Rodrigues Alves	2020	1	2	1-0	1-0
Bruno Soares	2005	10	19	2-0	15-4
Marcelo Melo	2008	12	23	1-0	18-5

#### THIAGO MONTEIRO

- Age: 27 (born 31 May 1994 in Fortaleza, Brazil)
- Rankings: 107 (singles), 233 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: QF Adelaide II, Santiago
- Davis Cup: Monteiro lost his 2 most-recent Davis Cup matches, falling to both Jordan Thompson and John Millman during Brazil's defeat to Australia in the 2020 Qualifiers. Prior to that tie he had won 3 of his previous 4 Davis Cup matches and is bidding to record his 8th Davis Cup match-win this weekend.

## THIAGO SEYBOTH WILD

- Age: 21 (born 10 March 2000 in Marechal Candido Rondon, Brazil)
- Rankings: 135 (singles), 599 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup**: Seyboth Wild made his Davis Cup debut during Brazil's defeat to Australia in the 2020 Qualifiers, falling to Millman in the only match he has contested in the competition to date.

## • FELIPE MELIGENI RODRIGUES ALVES

- Age: 24 (born 19 February 1998 in Campinas, Brazil)
- Rankings: 219 (singles), 93 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Meligeni Rodrigues Alves is bidding to maintain his perfect start to his Davis Cup career. He made his debut during Brazil's defeat to Australia in the 2020 Qualifiers, where he and Marcelo Demoliner defeated James Duckworth/John Peers in the doubles match. He then defeated Hady Habib in his Davis Cup singles debut during Brazil's World Group I play-off victory over Lebanon last September.



#### BRUNO SOARES

- Age: 40 (born 27 February 1982 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 19 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: RU Rio de Janeiro
- Davis Cup: Soares will make his first Davis Cup appearance since September 2019 if he plays this weekend. He and Melo have won 3 of the last 4 Davis Cup matches they have played together, with their only defeat in that time coming against Belgium's Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen in the 2019 Qualifiers. He will claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup doubles matches won by a Brazilian player, ahead of Cassio Motta, if he wins the doubles match this weekend.

#### MARCELO MELO

- Age: 38 (born 23 September 1983 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 29 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: RU Adelaide I; SF Adelaide II
- Davis Cup: Like Soares, Melo will make his first Davis Cup appearance since September 2019 if he plays this weekend. He and Soares have won 3 of the last 4 Davis Cup matches they have played together, with their only defeat in that time coming against Belgium's Gille/Vliegen in the 2019 Qualifiers. He is in 3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup doubles matches won by a Brazilian player and is bidding to record his 20th victory in the competition overall this weekend.

#### **Germany - Team Information**

- **GERMANY** are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 3rd time.
- During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season, Germany defeated Belarus 4-1 in the Qualifiers in Dusseldorf in March 2020. At the 2021 Finals, the team reached the Davis Cup semifinals for the first time since 2007 they defeated both Serbia and Austria 2-1 to finish in first place in Group F, defeated Great Britain 2-1 in the quarterfinals and then fell to eventual champions Russian Tennis Federation 2-1 in the last 4.
- Germany are bidding to maintain their perfect record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties. In addition to their victory over Belarus in the 2020 Qualifiers, they also defeated Hungary 5-0 in the 2019 Qualifiers in Frankfurt.
- 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. 9 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking** just 4 places below their best ranking of No. 5, which they first achieved in December 2007.

#### **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
Alexander Zverev	2016	4	5	6-4	0-1
Jan-Lennard Struff	2015	6	14	9-7	4-0
Oscar Otte	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Kevin Krawietz	2019	2	7	0-0	7-0
Tim Puetz	2017	3	8	0-0	8-0

## • ALEXANDER ZVEREV

- Age: 24 (born 20 April 1997 in Hamburg, Germany)
- Rankings: 3 (singles), 131 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: RU Montpellier; R16 Australian Open
- Davis Cup: Zverev returns to the German Davis Cup team for the first time since the 2019 Qualifiers, when he defeated both Peter Nagy and Gabriel Borsos during Germany's 5-0 victory against Hungary. He has won 5 of the last 6 matches he has contested in the competition, with his only defeat in the competition in that time coming against Rafael Nadal during Germany's defeat to Spain in the 2018 World Group guarterfinals.

## • JAN-LENNARD STRUFF

- Age: 31 (born 25 April 1990 in Warstein, Germany)
- Rankings: 56 (singles), 116 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Struff won 2 of the 4 matches he contested as Germany reached the semifinals at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals he defeated Austria's Dennis Novak and Great Britain's Cameron Norrie but fell to both Serbia's Novak Djokovic and Russian Tennis Federation's Daniil Medvedev. He is unbeaten in 4 Davis Cup doubles matches.

## OSCAR OTTE

- Age: 28 (born 16 July 1993 in Cologne, Germany)
- Rankings: 82 (singles), 433 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Otte could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.



#### KEVIN KRAWIETZ

• Age: 30 (born 24 January 1992 in Coburg, Germany)

• Ranking: 864 (singles), 13 (doubles)

• 2022 doubles highlights: SF Sydney

Davis Cup: Krawietz made his Davis Cup debut at the 2019 Finals and has won all 7 matches he
has contested in the competition. He and Puetz recorded 4 victories together at the 2021 Davis Cup
Finals – defeating Serbia's Nikola Cacic/Novak Djokovic, Austria's Oliver Marach/Philipp Oswald,
Great Britain's Joe Salisbury/Neal Skupski and Russian Tennis Federation's Aslan Karatsev/Karen
Khachanov.

# • TIM PUETZ

• Age: 34 (born 19 November 1987 in Frankfurt, Germany)

• Rankings: 1206 (singles), 15 (doubles)

• 2022 doubles highlights: Won Dubai; RU Rotterdam; QF Australian Open

Davis Cup: Puetz is bidding to maintain his perfect record in Davis Cup matches, having won all 8 matches he has contested in the competition. He won his first 3 Davis Cup matches in 5 sets, before recording a straight sets win against defeated Gabor Borsas/Peter Nagy alongside Struff in Germany's victory over Hungary in the 2019 Qualifiers. Puetz recorded 4 victories alongside Krawietz at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals – defeating Serbia's Cacic/Djokovic, Austria's Marach/Oswald, Great Britain's Salisbury/Skupski and Russian Tennis Federation's Karatsev/Khachanov.



# **SLOVAKIA v ITALY**

## NTC ARENA, BRATISLAVA - HARD, INDOORS

Head-to-head: Italy lead 1-0

2009 Europe/Africa Group I Clay (O) Cagliari (ITA) Italy d. Slovakia 4-1

A 2nd Davis Cup meeting for Slovakia and Italy, with Italy have recorded a 4-1 victory over Slovakia in Cagliari in April 2009. Filip Polasek is the only player who appeared in that tie to be nominated for this weekend's tie – he and Michal Mertinak defeated Flavio Cipolla/Potito Starace in 5 sets in the doubles match.

SLOVAKIA	v	ITALY
29	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	10
Runners-up 2005	Best Result	Champions 1976
1994*	First Year Played	1922
28*	Seasons Played (inc 2022)	91
62	Ties Played	257
37-27	Ties Win-Loss	167-90
0	Comebacks from 0-2 down	2
*Pri	or to 1994. Slovakian players represented Czech	noslovakia

#### Slovakia - Team Information

- **SLOVAKIA** are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the first time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Slovakia fell to Czech Republic 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Bratislava in March 2020, before defeating Chile 3-1 in a World Group I tie in Bratislava in September 2021.
- Slovakia are bidding to win a Davis Cup Qualifiers tie for the first time on their 3rd attempt. In addition to
  the defeat to Czech Republic in the 2020 Qualifiers, they also fell to Canada 3-2 in the 2019 Qualifiers in
  Bratislava.
- Slovakia are contesting their 9th straight home tie. They have not contested an away tie since falling to Australia in the 2016 World Group play-offs in Sydney. Since then, they have won 4 of the 8 ties they have contested.
- Slovakia are former Davis Cup runners-up, having lost to Croatia 3-2 in the 2005 Final in Bratislava. The
  tie came down to a decisive 5th match, with Mario Ancic defeating Michal Mertinak in straight sets to win the
  title for Croatia.
- Prior to 1994, Slovakian players represented Czechoslovakia. Before the nation divided into Slovakia and Czech Republic, Czechoslovakia won the Davis Cup title in 1980.
- Slovakia are ranked No. 29 on the Davis Cup Nations Ranking. They reached their best-ever ranking after reaching the 2005 Final, peaking at No. 3 in November of that year.

#### Slovakia - Player Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1=	Dominik Hrbaty	33-25
	Karol Kucera	33-18
3.	Martin Klizan	26-11
4.	Michal Mertinak	18-12
5=	Jan Kroslak	17-9
	Lukas Lacko	17-17



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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Dominik Hrbaty	28-14
2.	Karol Kucera	27-11
3.	Martin Klizan	21-10
4.	Lukas Lacko	17-13
5.	Jan Kroslak	9-4

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Filip Polasek	13-4
2.	Michal Mertinak	12-7
3=	Jan Kroslak	8-5
	Igor Zelenay	8-5
5.	Karol Kucera	6-7

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

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Dominik Hrbaty	26
2.	Karol Kucera	25
3.	Michal Mertinak	21
4.	Martin Klizan	19
5.	Lukas Lacko	18

<sup>\*</sup>records apply only to the Slovakian team that has competed since 1993

#### Slovakia - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Alex Molcan	2021	1	1	0-1	0-0
Norbert Gombos	2014	6	11	7-10	0-1
Filip Horansky	2019	1	1	0-1	0-0
Filip Polasek	2008	9	17	1-0	13-4
Igor Zelenay	2003	9	13	0-0	8-5

#### ALEX MOLCAN

- Age: 24 (born 1 December 1997 in Presov, Slovakia)
- Rankings: 69 (singles), 414 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: QF Melbourne
- Davis Cup: Molcan made his Davis Cup debut in Slovakia's victory over Chile in the nations' World Group I tie in September. He lost the only match he has contested in the competition to date, falling to Cristian Garin in straight sets.

#### NORBERT GOMBOS

- Age: 31 (born 13 August 1990 in Galanta, Slovakia)
- Rankings: 110 (singles), unranked (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Gombos has won the last 3 Davis Cup matches he has contested including both matches he played during Slovakia's victory over Chile in the nations' World Group I tie in September. He defeated Nicolas Jarry in 3 sets and Garin in straight sets.

#### • FILIP HORANSKY

- Age: 29 (born 7 January 1993 in Piestany, Slovakia)
- Rankings: 208 (singles), 453 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup**: Horansky could make his 2nd Davis Cup appearance this weekend. He lost to Denis Shapovalov in the opening match of Slovakia's defeat to Canada in the 2019 Qualifiers in his only previous appearance in the competition.



#### FILIP POLASEK

- Age: 36 (born 21 July 1985 in Zvolen, Slovakia)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 12 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: Won Sydney; SF Dubai; QF Australian Open
- Davis Cup: Polasek is bidding to extend a 5-match Davis Cup winning streak, having not lost in the
  competition since he and Lukas Lacko fell to Johan Brunstrom/Robert Lindstedt in Slovakia's victory
  against Sweden in a 2013 Europe/Africa Group I relegation play-off. He holds the record for most
  Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Slovakian player. He will equal Lacko in 5th place on the list for
  most Davis Cup ties played by a Slovakian player if he plays this weekend.

## • IGOR ZELENAY

- Age: 39 (born 2 October 1982 in Trencin, Slovaia)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 143 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Zelenay is bidding to extend a 3-match Davis Cup winning streak, having not lost a match since he and Andrej Martin fell to Mirza Basic/Tomislav Brkic during Slovakia's defeat to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 2018 Europe/Africa Group I second round. He and Polasek have won the last 3 matches they have contested together, including during Slovakia's victory over Chile in the nations' World Group I tie in September, when the pair defeated Marcelo Tomas Barrios Vera/Alejandro Tabilo in straight sets.

#### Italy - Team Information

- ITALY are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 3rd time.
- During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season, Italy defeated Korea, Republic 4-0 in Cagliari in the Qualifiers in March 2020. At the 2021 Finals, they defeated both USA and Colombia 2-1 to finish in first place in Group E, but fell to Croatia 2-1 in the quarterfinals.
- Italy are bidding to maintain their **perfect record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties**. In addition to their victory over Korea, Republic in the 2020 Qualifiers, they also defeated India 3-1 in the 2019 Qualifiers in Kolkata.
- 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. 10 on the Davis Cup Nations Ranking. Their best ranking is No. 6, attained in April 2014.

#### 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

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	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	32
	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	3	3-0	0-2
Lorenzo Sonego	2021	1	3	2-1	0-0
Lorenzo Musetti	2021	1	1	0-0	0-1
Stefano Travaglia	2020	1	1	1-0	0-0
Simone Bolelli	2007	14	24	7-9	13-7

#### • JANNIK SINNER

- Age: 20 (born 16 August 2001 in San Candido, Italy)
- Rankings: 10 (singles), 127 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: QF Australian Open, Dubai
- Davis Cup: Sinner made his Davis Cup debut at the 2021 Finals and won all 3 singles matches he contested at the event, defeating USA's John Isner, Colombia's Daniel Elahi Galan and Croatia's Marin Cilic in straight sets. He lost both doubles matches he played alongside Fabio Fognini, falling to both Colombia's Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah and Croatia's Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic.

#### • LORENZO SONEGO

- Age: 24 (born 11 May 1995 in Turin, Italy)
- Rankings: 21 (singles), 124 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: SF Buenos Aires; QF Sydney, Cordoba
- Davis Cup: Sonego made his Davis Cup debut at the 2021 Finals, defeating USA's Reilly Opelka and Colombia's Nicolas Mejia but falling to Croatia's Borna Gojo in the opening match of the quarterfinals.

#### LORENZO MUSETTI

- Age: 20 (born 3 March 2002 in Carrara, Italy)
- Rankings: 58 (singles), 351 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: QF Pune, Rotterdam
- Davis Cup: Musetti made his Davis Cup debut at the 2021 Finals. He lost the only match he contested a straight sets defeat in doubles alongside Fognini against USA's Rajeev Ram/Jack Sock.



## STEFANO TRAVAGLIA

• Age: 30 (born 28 December 1991 in Ascoli Piceno, Italy)

• Rankings: 112 (singles), 288 (doubles)

• 2022 singles highlights: QF Pune

• Davis Cup: Travaglia could contest his first live Davis Cup match this weekend. He made his debut during Italy's victory over Korea, Republic in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating Chung Yunseong in straight sets in the dead 4th match of the tie.

## • SIMONE BOLELLI

• Age: 36 (born 8 October 1985 in Bologna, Italy)

• Rankings: 904 (singles), 20 (doubles)

• 2022 doubles highlights: Won Rio de Janeiro; RU Sydney; QF Australian Open

• Davis Cup: Bolelli ended a 3-match Davis Cup losing streak with victory alongside Fognini in his most-recent appearance in the competition, defeating Nam Ji Sung/Song Min Kyu in Italy's victory over Korea, Republic in the 2020 Qualifiers. 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. He was nominated for the 2021 Finals but did not contest a match.



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# **AUSTRALIA v HUNGARY**

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## KEN ROSEWALL ARENA, SYDNEY - HARD, OUTDOORS

Head-to-head: tied 1-1

1995 World Group play-off Clay (O) Budapest (HUN) Hungary d. Australia 3-2 2021 Finals Group D Hard (I) Turin (ITA) Australia d. Hungary 2-1

A 3rd Davis Cup meeting for Australia and Hungary. In their first 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. The Aussies won the teams' most-recent encounter, a Group D clash at the Finals last year, with Alex Bolt/John Peers defeating Fabian Marozsan/Zsombor Piros in a decisive doubles match.

AUSTRALIA	V	HUNGART
12	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	23
Champions 28 times	Best Davis Cup Result	World Group 3 times; Finals 2021
1905	First Year Played	1921
102	Seasons Played (inc. 2022)	87
265	Ties Played	173
192-73	Ties Win-Loss	85-88
2	Comebacks from 0-2 down	0

### Australia - Team Information

- AUSTRALIA are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 3rd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Australia defeated Brazil 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Adelaide in March 2020. At the 2021 Finals, they fell to Croatia 3-0 before defeating Hungary 2-1 to finish in 2nd place in Group D. They failed to reach the quarterfinals as one of the 2 best group runners-up.
- Australia are bidding to maintain their perfect record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties. In addition to their
  victory over Brazil in the 2020 Qualifiers, they also defeated Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 2019 Qualifiers
  in Adelaide.
- 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 (I. Argentina), 2015 (I. Great Britain) and 2017 (I. Belgium).
- Australia are ranked No. 12 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.

### 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



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## 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	23-7
	Jack Crawford	23-16
5=	Roy Emerson	21-2
	Gerald Patterson	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	17-7
	Mark Woodforde	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	23
	Jack Crawford	23
	John Fitzgerald	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	8	5-4	0-1
Alexei Popyrin	2019	2	2	1-1	0-0
Thanasi Kokkinakis	2014	2	4	2-3	0-0
Luke Saville	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
John Peers	2016	5	14	0-0	7-7

## • ALEX DE MINAUR

- Age: 23 (born 17 February 1999 in Sydney, Australia)
- Rankings: 34 (singles), 133 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: QF Rotterdam; R16 Australian Open
- Davis Cup: De Minaur has won 4 of the last 5 Davis Cup singles matches he has contested, with his only defeat in that time coming against Croatia's Marin Cilic at the 2021 Finals. He made his Davis Cup doubles debut at the Finals, falling to Croatia's Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic alongside Peers.

## ALEXEI POPYRIN

- Age: 22 (born 5 August 1999 in Sydney, Australia)
- Rankings: 61 (singles), 336 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: SF Sydney
- **Davis Cup**: Popyrin made his debut in Australia's 2019 Qualifiers victory over Bosnia and Herzegovina, defeating Nerman Fatic in a dead singles match. He fell to Croatia's Borna Gojo in the only match he contested at the 2021 Finals his only other appearance in the competition to date.



### THANASI KOKKINAKIS

• Age: 25 (born 10 April 1996 in Adelaide, Australia)

• Rankings: 96 (singles), 48 (doubles)

- 2022 singles highlights: Won Adelaide II; SF Adelaide I
- 2022 doubles highlights: Won Australian Open
- Davis Cup: Kokkinakis could make his first Davis Cup appearance since the 2015 semifinals when he fell to Andy Murray in the opening match of the tie before defeating Daniel Evans in the dead 5th match of the tie this weekend. He is bidding to record his 2nd victory in a live Davis Cup match. His only previous victory in a live match in the competition came in the opening match of Australia's 2015 World Group first round victory against Czech Republic, when he defeated Lukas Rosol in 5 sets.

#### LUKE SAVILLE

- Age: 28 (born 1 February 1994 in Barmera, Australia)
- Rankings: 727 (singles), 54 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: RU Pune
- Davis Cup: Saville could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.

## • JOHN PEERS

- Age: 33 (born 25 July 1988 in Melbourne, Australia)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 9 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: Won Sydney; SF Dubai; QF Australian Open
- Davis Cup: Peers has won 2 of the last 5 Davis Cup matches he has contested, with his only victories 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 and when he and Alex Bolt defeated Hungary's Fabian Marozsan/Zsombor Piros in the group stages at the 2021 Finals. 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 Davis Cup Finals for the 2nd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Hungary defeated Belgium 3-2 in the Qualifiers in Debrecen in March 2020 to advance to the Davis Cup Finals for the first time. At the Finals, they fell to both Croatia and Australia 2-1, finishing in 3rd place in Group D.
- Hungary have a **1-1 win-loss record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties**. In addition to their victory against Belgium in the 2020 Qualifiers, they fell to Germany 5-0 in the 2019 Qualifiers in Frankfurt.
- Hungary are bidding to record **their first victory in a hard court tie 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 last year, Hungary 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 playoffs.



## **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
3=	Kornel Bardoczky	29-20
	Marton Fucsovics	29-17
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
4.	Marton Fucsovics	21-10
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	9-6
	Laszlo Markovits	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	21	21-10	8-7
Zsombor Piros	2018	3	5	4-2	0-1
Fabian Marozsan	2021	1	2	0-1	0-2
Mate Valkusz	2018	1	1	0-2	0-0
Peter Fajta	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0

## • MARTON FUCSOVICS

• Age: 30 (born 8 February 1992 in Nyiregyhaza, Hungary)

• Rankings: 36 (singles), 245 (doubles)

• 2022 singles highlights: QF Rotterdam, Doha

• 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 weekend. 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 weekend and claim sole ownership of 3rd place on the list if he wins 2 matches. He will equal Gulyas in 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup ties played by a Hungarian player if he plays this weekend. He lost the only match he played at the 2021 Finals – falling to Australia's Alex de Minaur in 3 sets.



## ZSOMBOR PIROS

- Age: 22 (born 13 October 1999 in Budapest, Hungary)
- Rankings: 246 (singles), 1505 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup**: Piros won both singles matches he contested at the 2021 Finals, defeating both Australia's John Millman and Croatia's Marin Cilic in 3 sets. He and Marozsan fell to Australia's Alex Bolt/John Peers in the first Davis Cup doubles match of his career at the Finals last year.

#### FABIAN MAROZSAN

- Age: 22 (born 8 October 1999 in Budapest, Hungary)
- Rankings: 368 (singles), 565 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Marozsan made his Davis Cup debut at the 2021 Finals, but lost all 3 matches he contested falling to Croatia's Nino Serdarusic in singles, and to both Australia's Bolt/Peers alongside Piros and Croatia's Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic alongside Peter Nagy.

## MATE VALKUSZ

- Age: 23 (born 13 August 1998 in Budapest, Hungary)
- Rankings: 454 (singles), 1313 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup**: Valkusz could contest his 2nd Davis Cup tie this weekend. His only previous appearances in the competition came in Hungary's 2018 World Group play-off defeat to Czech Republic, when he lost both matches he contested, falling to both Jiri Vesely and Lukas Rosol.

### PETER FAJTA

- Age: 19 (born 23 May 2002 in Budapest, Hungary)
- Rankings: 593 (singles), 739 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Fajta could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.



**LAZAKUSTAN** 

# NORWAY v KAZAKHSTAN

NODWAY

OSLO TENNIS ARENA, OSLO - HARD, INDOORS

Head-to-head: first meeting

NORWAT	V	RAZARHSTAN
39	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	13
WG Play-offs 1995; Qualifiers 2022	Best Result	Quarterfinals 2011, 2013-15, 2018, 2021
1928	First Year Played	1995
86	Seasons Played (inc 2022)	27
144	Ties Played	78
58-86	Ties Win-Loss	47-31
0	Comebacks from 0-2 down	0

### Norway - Team Information

- NORWAY are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the first time. They are contesting the Qualifiers for the first time this weekend.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Norway defeated Barbados 4-0 in the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020, before defeating Uzbekistan 3-1 in a World Group I tie in September 2021 and Ukraine 3-1 in a World Group I Knock-out tie in November.
- Norway are bidding to extend a 5-tie Davis Cup winning streak. In addition to their 3 victories in 2020-21, they also recorded wins against Ireland in 2018 and Georgia in 2019. Their last defeat came against Egypt in the 2018 Europe/Africa Group II first round in Sharm-el-Sheikh.
- Norway are contesting their 6th consecutive home tie. They have not played a tie away from home since their defeat to Egypt in 2018.
- By reaching the Qualifiers, Norway have equalled their **best Davis Cup performance**. They reached the World Group play-offs an equivalent level on one occasion, in 1995 when they fell to Belgium.
- Norway are currently ranked at No. 39 on the Davis Cup Nations Ranking one place lower than their highest ranking of No. 38, which they reached in December 2002.

## Norway - Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Norwegian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Stian Boretti	38-37
2.	Christian Ruud	31-23
3.	Jan-Frode Andersen	30-23
4.	Bent-Ove Pedersen	22-13
5.	Casper Ruud	20-8

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Norwegian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Stian Boretti	26-19
2.	Jan-Frode Andersen	25-14
3.	Christian Ruud	24-15
4.	Casper Ruud	16-3
5.	Bent-Ove Pedersen	14-6



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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Stian Boretti	12-18
2.	Bent-Ove Pedersen	8-7
3=	Christian Ruud	7-8
	Erling Tveit	7-7
5=	Joachim Bjerke	6-0
	Anders Rolfsen	6-1

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

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Stian Boretti	39
2.	Jan-Frode Andersen	24
3.	Christian Ruud	21
4.	Erling Tveit	20
5.	Helge Koll-Frafjord	18

### Norway - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Casper Ruud	2015	6	12	16-3	4-5
Viktor Durasovic	2014	7	15	10-9	4-7
Lukas Hellum Lilleengen	2020	1	1	1-0	0-0
Herman Hoeyeraal	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Simen Sunde Bratholm	2017	2	3	1-2	0-1

### CASPER RUUD

- Age: 23 (born 22 December 1998 is Oslo, Norway)
- Rankings: 8 (singles), 214 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: Won Buenos Aires
- Davis Cup: Ruud is bidding to extend a 9-match Davis Cup singles winning streak. He has not lost a singles match in the competition since falling to Frederick Nielsen in the 4th match of Norway's 2017 Europe/Africa Group II second round defeat to Denmark. He will equal Bent-Ove Pedersen in 4th place on the list for most Davis Cup match-wins by a Norwegian player if he wins 2 matches this weekend and will claim sole ownership of 4th place on the list if he wins 3 matches.

## VIKTOR DURASOVIC

- Age: 24 (born 19 March 1997 in Trondheim, Norway)
- Rankings: 326 (singles), 642 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Durasovic won all 3 Davis Cup singles matches he contested during the 2020-21 season, defeating Barbados' Darian King, Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin and Ukraine's Illya Marchenko as Norway ascended from the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020 through to the Qualifiers this year. He had lost his previous 4 Davis Cup singles matches. He and Ruud have a 4-5 win-loss record together in Davis Cup doubles matches.

## • LUKAS HELLUM LILLEENGEN

- Age: 21 (born 15 November 2000)
- **Rankings**: 1302 (singles), 1434 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Hellum Lilleengen could make his 2nd Davis Cup appearance this weekend. He made his debut in the competition during Norway's victory over Barbados in the 2020 World Group I Playoffs, defeating Kaipo Marshall in straight sets in the dead 4th match of the tie.

## • HERMAN HOEYERAAL

- Age: 20 (born 2 October 2001)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 2510 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup**: Hoeyeraal could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend. He has been nominated for 4 previous ties but is yet to contest a match in the competition.



### SIMEN SUNDE BRATHOLM

- Age: 22\* (born 4 March 1999) turns 23 on Friday
- Rankings: unranked (singles), unranked (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Bratholm could make his first Davis Cup appearance since Norway's 2018 Europe/Africa Group II first round defeat to Egypt this weekend. He is bidding to record his first victory in a live Davis Cup match his only victory in a Davis Cup match came against Rudolfs Mednis in a dead 4th match during Norway's 2017 Europe/Africa Group II first round victory against Latvia.

### Kazakhstan - Team Information

- KAZAKHSTAN are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 3rd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Kazakhstan defeated Netherlands 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Nur-Sultan in March 2020 to advance to the Finals. They then reached the quarterfinals after finishing in first place in Group B at the Finals recording victories over Canada (3-0) and Sweden (2-1) before falling to Serbia 2-1 in the last 8.
- Kazakhstan are bidding to maintain their perfect record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties. In addition to their victory over Netherlands in the 2020 Qualifiers, they also defeated Portugal in the 2019 Qualifiers in Nur-Sultan (then known as Astana).
- Kazakhstan's **best Davis Cup result** is reaching the quarterfinals on 6 occasions. In addition to their quarterfinal finish last year, they also reached the last 8 in 2011 (I. Argentina), 2013 (I. Czech Republic), 2014 (I. Switzerland), 2015 (I. Australia) and 2018 (I. Croatia).
- Prior to 1995, players from Kazakhstan represented USSR.
- Kazakhstan are currently ranked No. 13 on the Davis Cup Nations Ranking. Their highest ranking is No. 7, which they achieved in February 2013.

## Kazakhstan - Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Kazakh player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Alexey Kedryuk	66-34
2.	Mikhail Kukushkin	29-18
3.	Andrey Golubev	27-13
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.	Mikhail Kukushkin	28-16
3.	Andrey Golubev	16-7
4.	Pavel Baranov	11-5
5=	Alexander Bublik	6-2
	Dias Doskarayev	6-5

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Kazakh player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Alexey Kedryuk	23-17
2.	Andrey Golubev	11-6
3.	Igor Chaldounov	9-4
4.	Aleksandr Nedovyesov	8-6
5.	Yuriy Schukin	7-6



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

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Alexey Kedryuk	51
2.	Mikhail Kukushkin	28
3.	Andrey Golubev	23
4.	Igor Chaldounov	20
5=	Pavel Baranov	14
	Aleksandr Nedovyesov*	14

<sup>\*</sup>Nedovyesov also played one Davis Cup tie for Ukraine in 2005

### Kazakhstan - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Alexander Bublik	2019	2	7	6-2	1-1
Mikhail Kukushkin	2008	13	28	28-16	1-2
Dmitry Popko	2017	2	4	4-2	0-0
Aleksandr Nedovyesov*	2014	8	12	2-6	6-5
Andrey Golubev	2008	11	20	16-7	9-5

<sup>\*</sup>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: 30 (singles), 72 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: Won Montpellier
- Davis Cup: Bublik made his Davis Cup debut in the 2019 Qualifiers and has won 6 of the 8 singles matches he has contested in the competition. His only Davis Cup singles defeats came against Netherlands' Robin Haase at the 2019 Finals and against Serbia's Novak Djokovic at the 2021 Finals. He won his 2 other matches at the Finals last year, defeating Sweden's Mikael Ymer and Canada's Vasek Pospisil.

## MIKHAIL KUKUSHKIN

- Age: 34 (born 26 December 1987 in Volgograd, Russia)
- Rankings: 166 (singles), 560 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Kukushkin is in 2nd place on the lists for most total Davis Cup matches won by a
  Kazakh player, most Davis Cup singles matches won by a Kazakh player and most Davis Cup ties
  played by a Kazakh player behind Alexey Kedruk on all 3 cases. He won 2 of the 3 matches at the
  2021 Davis Cup Finals, falling to Sweden's Elias Ymer before defeating Canada's Brayden Schnur
  and Sweden's Elias Ymer.

### DMITRY POPKO

- Age: 25 (born 24 October 1996 in St Petersburg, Russia)
- Rankings: 178 (singles), 379 (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 the 2019 Finals, the 2020 Qualifiers and the 2021 Finals but did not contest a
  match at any of those events.



### ALEKSANDR NEDOVYESOV

Age: 35 (born 15 February 1987 in Alushta, Ukraine)

• Rankings: 534 (singles), 72 (doubles)

• 2022 doubles highlights: RU Melbourne, Delray Beach

Davis Cup: Nedovyesov 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 won 2 of the 3 matches they contested at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals – defeating Sweden's Andre Goransson/Robert Lindstedt and Canada's Peter Polansky/Schnur in the group stages before falling to Serbia's Nikola Cacic/Djokovic in the quarterfinals. He will equal Igor Chaldounov in 3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Kazakh player if he wins the doubles match this weekend.

## • ANDREY GOLUBEV

• Age: 34 (born 22 July 1987 in Volzhskij, Russia)

• Rankings: 937 (singles), 28 (doubles)

• 2022 doubles highlights: SF Doha

• Davis Cup: Golubev claimed sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Davis Cup doubles matches won by a Kazakh player at the Davis Cup Finals last year – he and Nedovyesov won 2 of the 3 matches they contested at the Finals, defeating Sweden's Goransson/Lindstedt and Canada's Polansky/Schnur in the group stages before falling to Serbia's Cacic/Djokovic in the quarterfinals. 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 v JAPAN

## HELSINGBORG ARENA, HELSINGBORG - HARD, INDOORS

Head-to-head: Sweden leads 1-0

1981 WG First Round Carpet (I) Yokohama (JPN) Sweden d. Japan 5-0

A 2nd meeting for Sweden and Japan – but their first since meeting in a World Group first round clash in Yokohama 41 years ago, when Sweden won all 5 matches for the loss of just one set.

SWEDEN	V	JAPAN
14	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	18
Champions 7 times (most recent 1998)	Best Result	Runners-up 1921
. 1925	First Year Played	1921
88	Years Played (inc 2022)	87
242	Ties Played	196
158-84	Ties Win-Loss	109-87
6	Comebacks from 0-2 down	1

#### Sweden - Team Information

- **SWEDEN** are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 2nd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Sweden defeated Chile 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Stockholm in March 2020 to advance to the Finals for the first time. The team then finished in 2nd place in Group B at the Finals after defeating Canada 3-0 but falling to Kazakhstan 2-1, but advanced to the quarterfinals as the best-performing group runner-up. They fell to eventual champions Russian Tennis Federation 2-0 in the last 8. It was their first appearance in the Davis Cup quarterfinals since 2011.
- Sweden have a **1-1 win-loss record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties**. In addition to their victory over Chile in the 2020 Qualifiers, they fell to Colombia 4-0 in the 2019 Qualifiers in Bogota.
- 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.

## 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	62-26
	Sven Davidson	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	11	12-6	0-0
Elias Ymer	2013	8	15	10-13	0-0
Dragos Nicolae Madaras	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Andre Goransson	2019	2	2	0-0	1-2

### MIKAEL YMER

- Age: 23 (born 9 September 1998 in Skovde, Sweden)
- Rankings: 85 (singles), 1455 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: SF Montpellier; QF Adelaide I
- Davis Cup: Mikael Ymer has won 10 of his last 14 Davis Cup matches. He won one of the 3 matches he played at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals, defeating Canada's Vasek Pospisil before falling to Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik and to the Russian Tennis Federation's Daniil Medvedev. He has never contested a doubles match in the competition.

## • ELIAS YMER

- Age: 25 (born 10 April 1996 in Skara, Sweden)
- Rankings: 136 (singles), 393 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: SF Pune
- Davis Cup: Elias Ymer won 2 of the 3 matches he contested at the 2021 Davis Cup Finals –
  defeating Canada's Steven Diez and Kazakhstan's Mikhail Kukushkin in the group stages before
  falling to the Russian Tennis Federation's Andrey Rublev in the quarterfinals. He has never
  contested a doubles match in the competition.

## • DRAGOS NICOLAE MADARAS

- Age: 24 (born 12 September 1997)
- Rankings: 331 (singles), 576 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Madaras could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.



## ANDRE GORANSSON

• Age: 27 (born 30 April 1994)

• Rankings: unranked (singles), 76 (doubles)

• 2022 doubles highlights: RU Santiago

Davis Cup: Goransson recorded his first Davis Cup victory at the 2021 Finals, when he and Robert Lindstedt defeated Canada's Vasek Pospisil/Brayden Schnur. He lost the other 2 matches he contested in the competition – he and Markus Eriksson lost the doubles match to Daniel Cukierman/Jonathan Erlich during Sweden's 2019 Europe/Africa Group I victory over Israel and he and Lindstedt lost the doubles match to Andrey Golubev/Aleksandr Nedovyesov during Sweden's defeat to Kazakhstan at the 2021 Finals.

### Japan - Team Information

- JAPAN are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 2nd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Japan fell to Ecuador 3-0 in the Qualifiers in Miki in March 2020 before defeating Pakistan 4-0 in a World Group I tie in Islamabad in March 2021.
- Japan have a **1-1 win-loss record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties**. In addition to their defeat to Ecuador in the 2020 Qualifiers, they defeated China, P.R. 3-2 in the 2019 Qualifiers in Guangzhou.
- Japan's **best Davis Cup result** is finishing runners-up in 1921, falling 5-0 to USA in New York. Their best World Group result was reaching the quarterfinals in 2014.
- Japan are currently ranked No. 18 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking** 6 places lower than their highest-ever ranking of No. 12, which they reached for the first time in September 2013.

#### Japan - Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Japanese player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Takao Suzuki	41-23
2=	Tsuyoshi Fukui	28-14
	Koji Watanabe	28-16
4.	Takeichi Harada	27-12
5.	Go Soeda	26-13

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Japanese player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1=	Tsuyoshi Fukui	27-12
	Takao Suzuki	27-12
3.	Go Soeda	24-11
4=	Shuzo Matsuoka	21-10
	Gouichi Motomura	21-16

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Japanese player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Takao Suzuki	14-11
2.	Satoshi Iwabuchi	11-8
3=	Kenichi Hirai	10-8
	Koji Watanabe	10-5
5=	Takeichi Harada	8-8
	Jun Kamiwazumi	8-8
	Jiro Satoh	8-2



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

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Takao Suzuki	31
2=	Gouichi Motomura	23
	Go Soeda	23
4.	Tsuyoshi Fukui	22
5=	Satoshi Iwabuchi	20
	Jun Kamiwazumi	20

#### Japan - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Taro Daniel	2014	6	8	6-6	0-0
Yasutaka Uchiyama	2013	7	14	2-3	3-12
Yosuke Watanuki	2018	2	2	2-0	0-0
Shintaro Mochizuki	2021	1	1	0-0	1-0
Ben McLachlan	2017	4	7	0-0	1-6

### TARO DANIEL

- Age: 29 (born 27 January 1993 in New York, NY, USA)
- Rankings: 111 (singles), 664 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Daniel will make his first Davis Cup appearance since the 2019 Qualifiers, when Japan defeated China, P.R. 3-2 to reach the Finals. He won both matches he contested during that tie, defeating Zhang Ze in straight sets in the 2nd match and Li Zhe in 3 sets in the decisive 5th match of the tie.

### YASUTAKA UCHIYAMA

- Age: 29 (born 5 April 1992 in Sapporo, Japan)
- Rankings: 196 (singles), 367 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Uchiyama is bidding to end a 6-match Davis Cup losing streak, having not recorded a victory since he and McLachlan defeated Bosnia and Herzegovina's Mirza Basic/Nerman Fatic in the 2018 World Group play-offs. He has won just 5 of the 20 matches he has contested in the competition.

## YOSUKE WATANUKI

- Age: 23 (born 12 April 1998)
- Rankings: 269 (singles), unranked (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Watanuki won his first live match in a Davis Cup tie in Japan's 2021 World Group I victory over Pakistan, defeating Aqeel Khan in straight sets. His only other appearance in the competition came during Japan's 2018 World Group play-off victory over Bosnia and Herzegovina, when he defeated Darko Bojanovic in the dead 4th match.

## • SHINTARO MOCHIZUKI

- Age: 18 (born 2 June 2003 in Kawasaki, Japan)
- Rankings: 374 (singles), 633 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Mochizuki made his Davis Cup debut in Japan's 2021 World Group I victory over Pakistan, partnering Sho Shimabukuro to a 3-set victory over Khan/Aisam Qureshi. He was a member of the Japanese team which won the Junior Davis Cup title in 2019.



## • BEN McLACHLAN

- Age: 29 (born 10 May 1992 Queenstown, New Zealand)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 39 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: RU Marseille
- Davis Cup: McLachlan made his Davis Cup debut in 2017 and has contested 7 doubles matches in the competition, partnering Uchiyama each time. His only victory came in Japan's 2018 World Group play-off win against Bosnia and Herzegovina, when the pair defeated Brkic/Fatic. The pair lost the only doubles matches they contested in the competition in the 2020-21 season, falling to Ecuador's Gonzalo Escobar/Diego Hidalgo.



# ARGENTINA v CZECH REPUBLIC

## BUENOS AIRES LAWN TENNIS CLUB, BUENOS AIRES – CLAY, OUTDOORS

## Head-to-head: Czech Republic leads 5-1

1980	Interzonal Semifinal	Clay (O)	Buenos Aires (ARG)	Czechoslovakia d. Argentina 3-2
1987	WG Play-offs	Clay (O)	Prague (TCH)	Czechoslovakia d. Argentina 5-0
2005	WG First Round	Clay (O)	Buenos Aires (ARG)	Argentina d. Czech Republic 5-0
2009	WG Quarterfinal	Hard (I)	Ostrava (CZE)	Czech Republic d. Argentina 3-2
2012	WG Semifinal	Clay (O)	Buenos Aires (ARG)	Czech Republic d. Argentina 3-2
2013	WG Semifinal	Hard (I)	Prague (CZE)	Czech Republic d. Argentina 3-2

A 7th meeting for Argentina and Czech Republic – with the Czechs aiming to extend a 3-tie winning streak against their Argentinian counterparts. Argentina's only victory came in Buenos Aires in 2005, when the team won all 5 matches in a World Group first round clash.

ARGENTINA	v	CZECH REPUBLIC
15	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	19
Champions 2016	Best Result	Champions 1980, 2012, 2013
1923	First Year Played	1921*
67	Seasons Played (inc 2022)	88*
160	Ties Played	215
92-68	Ties Win-Loss	131-84
0	Comebacks from 0-2 down	0

\*Czech Republic inherited Czechoslovakia's historical Davis Cup record

### Argentina – Team Information

- ARGENTINA are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 2nd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Argentina fell to Colombia 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Bogota in March 2020, before defeating Belarus 4-1 in a World Group I tie in Buenos Aires in September 2021.
- Argentina are bidding to **win a Qualifier tie for the first time**. Their only previous appearance in the Qualifiers came against Colombia in 2020, with the team having been awarded a wild card to compete at the Finals in 2019, where they reached the quarterfinals before losing to eventual champions Spain 2-1.
- Argentina have won 6 of their last 8 clay court ties. Their only defeats on clay during that time came against Italy in the 2017 World Group first round in Buenos Aires and against Colombia in the 2020 Qualifiers in Bogota.
- In 2016, Argentina won the Davis Cup title for the first time in their history. They defeated Poland 3-2 in Gdansk, Italy 3-1 in Pesaro, Great Britain 3-2 in Glasgow and Croatia 3-2 in Zagreb to become just the 2nd nation to win the title after playing all four ties away from home after France in 2001.
- Prior to winning the title in 2016, Argentina held the record for **most appearances in the Davis Cup Final without victory**. They have finished runner-up on 4 occasions in 1981, 2006, 2008 and 2011.
- Argentina are currently ranked No. 15 on the Davis Cup Nations Ranking. They dropped outside the Top 10 for the first time since December 2001 after falling to Colombia in the 2020 Qualifiers. They are one of 8 nations to rank No. 1 since the rankings were introduced in 2001 (alongside Australia, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Great Britain, Russia and Spain), having been ranked No. 1 between November 2016 and October 2017.



## **Argentina – Historical Information**

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Argentinian player

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Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Guillermo Vilas	57-24
2.	David Nalbandian	39-11
3.	Jose Luis Clerc	31-24
4.	Ricardo Cano	23-20
5.	Javier Frana	18-19

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Argentinian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Guillermo Vilas	45-10
2.	David Nalbandian	23-6
3.	Jose Luis Clerc	20-14
4.	Juan Martin del Potro	15-4
5=	Ricardo Cano	14-13
	Julian Ganzabal	14-8
	Martin Jaite	14-17

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Argentinian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	David Nalbandian	16-5
2.	Guillermo Vilas	12-4
3.	Jose Luis Clerc	11-10
4.	Lucas Arnold Ker	10-3
5=	Ricardo Cano	9-7
	Javier Frana	9-11

Most Davis Cup ties played by a Argentinian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Guillermo Vilas	29
2.	David Nalbandian	26
3.	Ricardo Cano	23
4.	Jose Luis Clerc	22
5.	Javier Frana	20

## **Argentina - Player Information**

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Diego Schwartzman	2015	5	10	6-6	0-1
Sebastian Baez	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Federico Coria	2021	1	1	1-0	0-0
Horacio Zeballos	2010	5	11	2-1	6-5
Maximo Gonzalez	2017	4	8	0-0	3-5

## DIEGO SCHWARTZMAN

- Age: 29 (born 16 August 1992 in Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- Rankings: 14 (singles), 154 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: RU Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro; SF Cordoba
- Davis Cup: Schwartzman has won just one of the last 4 Davis Cup matches he has contested. He
  lost the opening match of Argentina's World Group I victory against Belarus last year, against Daniil
  Ostapenkov, before defeating Alexander Zgirovsky in the 4th match of the tie. He was a member of
  the Argentinian team which competed at the 2019 Finals, winning one of the 3 matches he
  contested.



### SEBASTIAN BAEZ

- Age: 21 (born 28 December 2000 in Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- Rankings: 62 (singles), 989 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: RU Santiago; QF Cordoba
- Davis Cup: Baez could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.

### FEDERICO CORIA

- Age: 29 (born 9 March 1992 in Rosario, Argentina)
- Rankings: 69 (singles), 263 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: QF Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro
- **Davis Cup**: Coria made his Davis Cup debut during Argentina's World Group I victory against Belarus last year, defeating Ostapenkov in straight sets in the dead 5th match of the tie.

## HORACIO ZEBALLOS

- Age: 36 (born 27 April 1985 in Mar Del Plata, Argentina)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 5 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: RU Buenos Aires; SF Australian Open, Rio de Janeiro
- Davis Cup: Zeballos has won 2 of the 3 Davis Cup matches he has played since returning to the team for the first time in 4 years in 2018. He and Gonzalez defeated Erik Arutiunian/Ostapenkov during Argentina's World Group I victory against Belarus last year. He competed in both the 2010 and 2013 seasons, when Argentina reached the semifinals, and has won 6 of the 11 doubles matches he has contested in the competition.

## • MAXIMO GONZALEZ

- Age: 38 (born 20 July 1983 in Tandil, Argentina)
- Rankings: unranked (singles), 24 (doubles)
- 2022 doubles highlights: SF Cordoba
- Davis Cup: Gonzalez has won 3 of the 8 Davis Cup matches he has contested, with 2 of his victories coming alongside Zeballos during Argentina's 2018 World Group play-off victory against Colombia, against Alejandro Gomez/Cristian Rodriguez, and during Argentina's World Group I victory against Belarus last year, against Arutiunian/Ostapenkov.

### Czech Republic - Team Information

- CZECH REPUBLIC are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 2nd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Czech Republic defeated Slovakia 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Bratislava in March 2020 to advance to the Finals for the first time. They lost both ties they played at the Finals, falling to both France and Great Britain 2-1 and finishing in 3rd place in Group C.
- Czech Republic have a **1-1 win-loss record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties**. In addition to their victory against Slovakia the 2020 Qualifiers, they fell to Netherlands 3-1 in the 2019 Qualifiers in Ostrava.
- Czech Republic are bidding to win their **4th Davis Cup title** this season. The Czechs won the title in 1980 (d. Italy) and won back-to-back titles in 2012-13, defeating Spain in 2012 and Serbia in 2013.
- Prior to 1994, Czech players represented Czechoslovakia. Before the nation divided into Czech Republic and Slovakia, Czechoslovakia won the Davis Cup title in 1980 and finished as runners-up to Sweden in 1975.
- Czech Republic are currently ranked No. 19 on the Davis Cup Nations Ranking. They held the No. 1 ranking between April 2013 and November 2015 and are one of only 8 nations (alongside Argentina, Australia, Croatia, France, Great Britain, Russia and Spain) to have been ranked No. 1 since the Davis Cup Nations Ranking was introduced in 2001.



## Czech Republic - Player Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Czech player\*

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Tomas Berdych	50-17
2.	Radek Stepanek	35-18
3.	Jiri Novak	27-7
4=	Petr Korda	16-7
	Lukas Rosol	16-13

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Tomas Berdych	29-15
2.	Jiri Novak	17-5
3.	Radek Stepanek	15-13
4.	Lukas Rosol	14-10
5=	Petr Korda	11-5
	Bohdan Ulihrach	11-7
	Jiri Vesely	11-11

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Tomas Berdych	21-2
2.	Radek Stepanek	20-5
3.	Jiri Novak	10-2
4.	David Rikl	7-3
5.	Petr Korda	5-2

Most Davis Cup ties played by a Czech player\*

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Tomas Berdych	29
2.	Radek Stepanek	26
3=	Jiri Novak	17
	Lukas Rosol	17
5.	Jiri Vesely	16

<sup>\*</sup>records apply only to the Czech team that has competed since 1993

## Czech Republic - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Jiri Lehecka	2019	2	4	0-2	0-2
Tomas Machac	2021	1	2	2-0	0-2
Zdenek Kolar	2020	1	1	0-0	0-1
Vit Kopriva	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0

## JIRI LEHECKA

- Age: 20 (born 8 November 2001 in Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic)
- Rankings: 94 (singles), 217 (doubles)
- 2022 singles highlights: SF Rotterdam
- Davis Cup: Lehecka is bidding to win his first Davis Cup match this week. He has lost both singles matches and both doubles matches he has contested in the competition. His singles defeats came against Robin Haase in Czech Republic's defeat to Netherlands in the 2019 Qualifiers and Great Britain's Cameron Norrie at the 2021 Finals.



## TOMAS MACHAC

- Age: 21 (born 13 October 2000 in Beroun, Czech Republic)
- Rankings: 131 (singles), 434 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Machac made his Davis Cup debut at the 2021 Finals, winning both singles matches he contested against France's Richard Gasquet and Great Britain's Daniel Evans. He and Lehecka lost both decisive doubles matches they contested to France's Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Nicolas Mahut and Great Britain's Joe Salisbury/Neal Skupski.

## ZDENEK KOLAR

- Age: 25 (born 9 October 1996)
- Rankings: 141 (singles), 137 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Kolar made his Davis Cup debut during Czech Republic's victory over Slovakia in the 2020 Qualifiers. He and Jonas Forejtek fell to Filip Polasek/Igor Zelenay in straight sets in the doubles match. He was nominated for the 2021 Finals but did not contest a match.

## VIT KOPRIVA

- Age: 24 (born 15 June 1997 in Bilovec, Czech Republic)
- Rankings: 168 (singles), 276 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup**: Kopriva could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend. He was also nominated for the Czech Republic's victory over Slovakia in the 2020 Qualifiers but did not play a match.



# KOREA, REPUBLIC v AUSTRIA

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Head-to-head: first meeting

KOREA, REPUBLIC	V	AUSTRIA
27	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	16
WG First Round 1981, 1987, 2008	Best Result	Semifinals 1990
1960	First Year Played	1905
60	Seasons Played (inc 2022)	87
115	Ties Played	163
52-63	Ties Win-Loss	77-86
0	Comehacks from 0-2 down	0

## Korea, Republic - Team Information

- KOREA, REPUBLIC are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the first time. They are contesting the
  Qualifiers for the 2nd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Korea, Republic fell to Italy 4-0 in the Qualifiers in Cagliari in March 2020, before defeating New Zealand 3-1 in a World Group I tie in Newport, RI, USA in September 2021.
- Korea, Republic have won 3 of the last 4 home ties they have contested but are playing at home for the first time since September 2018 this weekend. Their only defeat in a home tie in that time came against Uzbekistan in a 2017 Asia/Oceania Group I first round tie in Gimcheon.
- Korea, Republic's **best Davis Cup performance** is contesting the World Group on 3 occasions. They fell in the first round on all 3 occasions losing to New Zealand in 1981, France in 1987 and Germany in 2008. They fell to Italy in World Group play-off ties in 1981 and 1987.
- Korea, Republic are currently ranked at No. 27 in the Davis Cup Nations Ranking. Their highest-ranking is No. 13, which they reached in September 2007.

## Korea, Republic - Player Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Korean player

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	Rank	Player	Win-loss
	1.	Lee Hyung-Taik	51-24
	2.	Yoon Yong-II	19-14
ĺ	3=	Kim Bong-Soo	18-9
		Yoo Jin-Sun	18-11
ĺ	5.	Lim Yongkyu	16-15

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Korean player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Lee Hyung-Taik	41-9
2.	Yoon Yong-II	16-10
3.	Kim Bong-Soo	13-8
4.	Lim Yongkyu	12-8
5.	Jeon Young-Dai	11-4



Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Korean player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1=	Lee Hyung-Taik	10-15
	Yoo Jin-Sun	10-6
3.	Chung Hee-Seok	7-5
4.	Song Dong-Wook	6-5
5=	Chang Eui-Jong	5-4
	Kim Bong-Soo	5-1
	Kim Chi-Wan	5-3

Most Davis Cup ties played by a Korean player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Lee Hyung-Taik	31
2.	Lim Yongkyu	20
3.	Yoo Jin-Sun	17
4.	Yoon Yong-II	16
5.	Song Dong-Wook	15

### Korea, Republic - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Soonwoo Kwon	2017	4	6	7-2	0-1
Nam Ji Sung	2013	4	7	3-2	1-6
Hong Seong Chan	2015	4	6	2-6	0-2
Song Min-kyu	2015	3	5	0-0	0-5

### SOONWOO KWON

- Age: 24 (born 2 December 1997 in Sangju, Korea, Republic)
- Rankings: 65 (singles), 279 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Kwon is bidding to extend a 4-match Davis Cup winning streak. He has not lost a match in the competition since losing 2 matches during Korea, Republic's defeat to Pakistan in the 2018 Asia/Oceania Group I first round, when he fell to Aisam Qureshi in singles and he and Lim Yongkyu fell to Aqeel Khan/Qureshi in doubles. He defeated Finn Reynolds and Rubin Statham during Korea, Republic's 2021 World Group I Play-off victory against New Zealand last year.

### NAM JI SUNG

- Age: 28 (born 15 August 1993 in Busan, Korea, Republic)
- Rankings: 462 (singles), 247 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Nam has won just one of the last 5 Davis Cup matches he has contested. He defeated Statham in singles during Korea, Republic's 2021 World Group I Play-off victory against New Zealand last year. He has won just one of the 7 doubles matches he has played in the competition alongside Lim, against Hiroki Moriya/Yasutaka Uchiyama during Korea, Republic's defeat to Japan in the 2013 Asia/Oceania Group I second round.

## HONG SEONG CHAN

- Age: 24 (born 30 June 1997 in Gangwonto, Korea, Republic)
- Rankings: 571 (singles), 520 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Hong could make his first Davis Cup appearance since 2018 this weekend. He has won
  just 2 of the 10 matches he has contested in the competition against Temur Ismailov during
  Korea, Republic's defeat to Uzbekistan in the 2015 Asia/Oceania Group I second round and against
  Jose Statham during Korea, Republic's victory against New Zealand in the 2016 Asia/Oceania
  Group I first round.



## SONG MIN-KYU

- Age: 31 (born 25 August 1990 in Gyeonggi-do, Korea, Republic)
- Rankings: 1306 (singles), 358 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Song is bidding to record his first Davis Cup match-win this weekend. He has lost all 5 matches he has contested in the competition all of which have come alongside Nam, including a defeat to Marcus Daniell/Michael Venus during Korea, Republic's 2021 World Group I Play-off victory against New Zealand last year.

### **Austria - Team Information**

- AUSTRIA are bidding to reach the Davis Cup Finals for the 2nd time.
- **During the 2020-21 Davis Cup season**, Austria defeated Uruguay 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Graz in March 2020 to advance to the Finals for the first time. They fell to Serbia 3-0 and to Germany 2-1 at the Finals, finishing in 3rd place in Group F.
- Austria have a 1-1 win-loss record in Davis Cup Qualifier ties. In addition to their victory against Uruguay the 2020 Qualifiers, they fell to Chile 3-2 in the 2019 Qualifiers in Salzburg
- Austria's **best Davis Cup performance** is reaching the semifinals in 1990, when they came within one set of reaching the final, but eventually lost to USA 3-2.
- Austria are ranked No. 16 on the Davis Cup Nations Ranking. Their highest ranking is No. 8, which they
  achieved in February 2012.

### Austria - Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss	
1.	Thomas Muster	45-18	
2.	Jurgen Melzer	37-41	
3.	Hans Kary	33-25	
4=	Franz-Wilhelm Matejka	22-13	
	Franz Saiko	22-13	
	Horst Skoff	22-17	

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss	
1.	Thomas Muster	36-8	
2=	Hans Kary	22-15	
	Jurgen Melzer	22-29	
4.	Horst Skoff	21-13	
5.	Stefan Koubek	20-19	
	Franz-Wilhelm Matejka	20-9	

## Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by an Austrian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss	
1.	Jurgen Melzer	15-12	
2.	Alex Antonitsch	13-14	
3=	Hans Kary	11-10	
	Julian Knowle	11-13	
5.	Thomas Muster	9-10	



## Most Davis Cup ties played by an Austrian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Jurgen Melzer	38
2.	Alex Antonitsch	27
3.	Hans Kary	26
4=	Julian Knowle	24
	Thomas Muster	24

## Austria - Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Dennis Novak	2016	4	10	8-5	0-0
Jurij Rodionov	2019	2	3	1-3	0-0
Lucas Miedler	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Alexander Erler	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0
Jurgen Melzer	1999	22	38	22-29	15-12

#### DENNIS NOVAK

- Age: 28 (born 28 August 1993 in Wiener Neustadt, Austria)
- Rankings: 118 (singles), 731 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Novak has won 7 of the last 10 Davis Cup matches he has contested, with his only Davis Cup defeat in that time coming against Chile's Nicolas Jarry in the 2019 Qualifiers and in both matches he contested at the 2021 Finals, when he fell to both Serbia's Novak Djokovic and Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff in straight sets.

## JURIJ RODIONOV

- Age: 22 (born 16 May 1999 in Nuremburg, Germany)
- Rankings: 194 (singles), 445 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Rodionov recorded his first Davis Cup match-win in the only match he contested at the 2021 Finals, defeating Germany's Dominik Koepfer in straight sets. He lost his first 3 matches in the competition, fallingto both Cristian Garin and Jarry in Austria's defeat to Chile in the 2019 Qualifiers, and to Pablo Cuevas in a final set tiebreak during Austria's victory over Uruguay in the 2020 Qualifiers.

#### LUCAS MIEDLER

- Age: 25 (born 21 June 1996 in Tulln, Austria)
- Rankings: 310 (singles), 117 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Miedler could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.

## • ALEXANDER ERLER

- Age: 24 (born 27 October 1997 in Innsbruck, Austria)
- Rankings: 352 (singles), 105 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Erler could make his Davis Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.

## • JURGEN MELZER

- Age: 40 (born 22 May 1981 in Vienna, Austria)
- Rankings: 1569 (singles), 129 (doubles)
- Davis Cup: Playing captain Melzer made his Davis Cup debut in 1999 and will contest his 39th Davis Cup tie if he plays this weekend. He holds the records for most Davis Cup ties played by an Austrian player and most Davis Cup doubles matches won by an Austrian player, and is 2nd place on the list for most total Davis Cup matches won by an Austrian player (behind Thomas Muster) and in joint-2nd place on the list for most Davis Cup singles matches won by an Austrian player (alongside Hans Kary and behind Muster). He has won 6 of the last 7 Davis Cup doubles matches he has contested, with his only defeat in that time coming during Austria's 2018 World Group playoff victory over Australia, when he and Oliver Marach fell to Lleyton Hewitt/John Peers.