

DAVIS CUP BY RAKUTEN 2022

WORLD GROUP I AND WORLD GROUP II PLAY-OFFS

4-5 MARCH – PREVIEW NOTES

WORLD GROUP I

Chile (s) (c)* v Slovenia

Venue: Club de Tenis Union, Viña del Mar
Surface: clay, outdoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

India (s) (c) v Denmark

Venue: Delhi Gymkhana Club, New Delhi
Surface: grass, outdoors
Head-to-head: tied 1-1

Uzbekistan (s) (c)* v Turkey

Venue: Olympic Tennis School, Tashkent
Surface: hard, indoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Portugal (s) (c) v Poland

Venue: Complexo Municipal de Ténis da Maia, Porto
Surface: clay, indoors
Head-to-head: Poland lead 1-0

Tunisia (c) v Bosnia and Herzegovina (s)

Venue: Tennis Club de Tunis, Tunis
Surface: clay, outdoors
Head-to-head: Bosnia and Herzegovina lead 4-0

Israel (s) (c) v South Africa

Venue: Toto Hakiriya Ashdod Arena, Ashdod
Surface: hard, indoors
Head-to-head: Israel lead 2-0

New Zealand (c)* v Uruguay (s)

Venue: Darling Tennis Centre, Las Vegas, USA
Surface: hard, outdoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Ukraine (s) (c)* v Barbados

Venue: Rixos Premium Belek, Antalya, Turkey**
Surface: hard, outdoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Pakistan (s) (c)* v Lithuania

Venue: Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad
Surface: grass, outdoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Peru (s) (c) v Bolivia

Venue: Club Lawn Tennis de La Exposición, Lima
Surface: clay, outdoors
Head-to-head: Peru lead 3-2

Switzerland (c)* v Lebanon (s)

Venue: Jan Group Arena (Swiss Tennis Arena), Biel
Surface: hard, indoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

(s) = seed (c) = choice of ground * = choice of ground was decided by lot **moved from Kyiv, Ukraine

Please note: Mexico were scheduled to play Belarus in the World Group I Play-offs this weekend. Following the suspension of the Belarus Tennis Federation from ITF membership and international team competitions, Mexico have received a walkover in that tie and will compete in World Group I in September. Belarus will not take part in Davis Cup in 2022.

WHAT'S AT STAKE IN WORLD GROUP I THIS WEEKEND?

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, which are also being played this weekend.

The losing nations in the World Group I Play-Offs will compete in World Group II in September alongside the winning nations in the World Group II Play-Offs.

WORLD GROUP II

Dominican Republic (s) (c)* v Vietnam

Venue: Centro Nacional De Tenis Parque Del Este, Santo Domingo
Surface: hard, outdoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Thailand (s) (c)* v Latvia

Venue: The Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand, Bangkok
Surface: hard, outdoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Guatemala (c)* v Chinese Taipei (s)

Venue: Complejo de Tenis Ing. Juan José Hermosilla, Guatemala City
Surface: hard, outdoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Indonesia (c)* v Venezuela (s)

Venue: Stadion Tenis Outdoor Gelora Bung Karno, Jakarta
Surface: hard, outdoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Estonia (s) (c)* v Pacific Oceania

Venue: Forus Tenniscenter, Tallinn
Surface: hard, indoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Egypt (s) (c) v Cyprus

Venue: El Gezera Sporting Club, Cairo
Surface: clay, outdoors
Head-to-head: Cyprus lead 2-0

Greece (s) (c)* v Jamaica

Venue: Ace Tennis Club, Athens
Surface: clay, indoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Monaco (c) v Morocco (s)

Venue: Monte-Carlo Country Club, Roquebrune-Cap-Martin
Surface: clay, outdoors
Head-to-head: Monaco lead 3-1

Bulgaria (s) (c)* v Paraguay

Venue: Sport Hall Sofia, Sofia
Surface: hard, indoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Zimbabwe (s) (c)* v El Salvador

Venue: Harare Sports Club, Harare
Surface: hard, outdoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

Benin (c)* v Hong Kong, China (s)

Venue: Stade de l'Amitié Général Mathieu Kerekou, Cotonou
Surface: hard, outdoors
Head-to-head: first meeting

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Please note: China, P.R. were scheduled to play Ireland in the World Group II Play-offs this weekend, but withdrew from the tie. Ireland have received a walkover and will compete in World Group II in September.

WHAT'S AT STAKE IN WORLD GROUP II THIS WEEKEND?

The winning nations in the World Group II Play-Offs will compete in World Group II in September alongside the losing nations from the World Group I Play-offs.

The losing nations in the World Group II Play-Offs will compete in their respective regional Group III events later in 2022 (dates and venues TBC).

QUALIFIERS

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](#) and 11 [World Group II 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. [The full ranking list can be found on the Davis Cup website.](#)

Latest Davis Cup Nations Ranking (6 December 2021)

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

WORLD GROUP I PLAY-OFFS

Click the link for each tie to see full details of nominated players, captains, head-to-heads and matches once the draws are made.

[Chile v Slovenia](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Chile** are bidding to end a 4-tie Davis Cup losing streak, having not recorded a victory in the competition since defeating Austria in the 2019 Qualifiers. The team lost both ties they contested during the 2020-21 season, falling to Sweden in the 2020 Qualifiers and to Slovakia in World Group I in 2021. They are contesting their first home tie since April 2018 – and are bidding to extend a 7-tie winning streak at home, having not lost a home tie since falling to Italy in the 2011 World Group play-offs in Santiago.
- **Slovenia** are bidding to reach Group I-level for the first time since 2016. They lost their last World Group I Play-off – to Pakistan in March 2020 – but defeated Paraguay in a World Group II tie last September to return to the World Group I Play-offs this year. The team have won just one of their last 10 away ties, with their victory over Egypt in a 2019 Europe/Africa Group II tie in Cairo the only time they have recorded an away win in Davis Cup since 2010.

[India v Denmark](#)

- Head-to-head: tied 1-1
- Last meeting: 1984 World Group play-off – India defeated Denmark 3-2 in Aarhus, Denmark (clay, outdoors)
- **India** are bidding to bounce back after losing both ties they contested during the 2020-21 Davis Cup season – they fell to Croatia in the 2020 Qualifiers before losing to Finland in a World Group I tie last September. The team have in fact lost 4 of the last 5 ties they have played, with their only victory in that time coming against Pakistan in an Asia/Oceania Group I tie in November 2019. Having contested the Qualifiers in both 2019 and 2020, the team will be desperate for 2 victories this season to return to the Qualifiers in 2023.
- **Denmark** are bidding for a 4th consecutive Davis Cup victory, having won all 3 ties they contested during the 2020-21 season. The team recorded victories over Puerto Rico in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020, Thailand in a World Group II tie in September 2021 and Morocco in a World Group II Knock-out tie in November 2021. Victory this weekend would see the team ensure that they will compete at Group I-level for the first time since 2015, when they contested Europe/Africa Group I but lost all 3 ties they contested.

[Uzbekistan v Turkey](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Uzbekistan** are bidding to record their first victory in Davis Cup since 2019, having lost both ties they contested during the 2020-21 season – falling to USA in the Qualifiers in March 2020 and to Norway in World Group I in September 2021. Another defeat this weekend would see the team drop to Group II-level for the first time since 1996. The team are contesting their first home tie since 2019, when they fell to Serbia in the Qualifiers in Tashkent. They have lost 3 of their last 4 ties played at home, with their only home victory in that time coming against China, P.R. in an Asia/Oceania Group II second round tie in Tashkent in 2016.
- **Turkey** are bidding to reach Group I-level for the first time since the current format was adopted in the 1980s. The team came one tie away from Group I-level in 2020, but fell to Israel in a World Group I Play-off tie. They defeated Latvia 4-0 in a World Group II tie in September last year to reach this stage of the competition once again.

Portugal v Poland

- Head-to-head: Poland lead 1-0
- Last meeting: 1975 Europe first round – Poland defeated Portugal 5-0 in Poznan, Poland (clay, outdoors)
- **Portugal** are bidding to maintain their Group I-status this weekend, having lost to Romania in a World Group I tie in their most-recent outing in September 2021. The team have won just one of their last 4 Davis Cup ties, with their only victory in that time coming against Lithuania in the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020. They are contesting their first home tie since defeating South Africa in a Europe/Africa Group I relegation play-off tie in Lisbon in October 2018. They have won 4 of the last 5 home ties they have played, with their only defeat at home in that time coming against Germany in the 2017 World Group play-offs in Oeiras.
- **Poland** are bidding to extend a 9-tie Davis Cup winning streak, having not lost in the competition since falling to Slovakia in a 2017 Europe/Africa Group I relegation play-off. The team recorded 2 comfortable victories during the 2020-21 season, defeating Hong Kong, China 4-0 in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020 and El Salvador 3-1 in a World Group II tie in September 2021.

Tunisia v Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Head-to-head: Bosnia and Herzegovina lead 4-0
- Last meeting: 2016 Europe/Africa Group II first round – Bosnia and Herzegovina defeated Tunisia 3-1 in Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina (carpet, indoors)
- **Tunisia** are bidding to extend a 7-tie Davis Cup winning streak, having not lost in the competition since falling to Estonia in a 2018 Europe/Africa Group II relegation play-off. The team won 4 ties to earn promotion from Africa Group III in 2019 and won all 3 ties they contested in 2020-21 – recording victories Guatemala in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020, Dominican Republic in a World Group II tie in September 2021 and Zimbabwe in a World Group II Knock-out tie in November 2021.
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** are bidding to bounce back from a narrow 3-2 defeat to Peru in World Group I last September. The team have won just one of their last 5 ties in the competition, with their only victory in that time coming against South Africa in the 2020 World Group I Play-offs. They are also bidding to end a 3-tie losing streak in away Davis Cup ties, having not won an away tie in the competition since defeating Slovakia 3-2 in a 2018 Europe/Africa Group I second round tie in Bratislava.

Israel v South Africa

- Head-to-head: Israel lead 2-0
- Last meeting: 2018 Europe/Africa Group I first round – Israel defeated South Africa 3-2 in Centurion, South Africa (hard, outdoors)
- **Israel** are bidding to record a victory in their first home tie since 2017, when they defeated Romania in a Europe/Africa Group I relegation play-off in Ramat Hasharon. The team are also looking to bounce back from a defeat to Ukraine in World Group I in March last year. They have won just one of their last 4 Davis Cup ties, with their only victory in that time coming against Turkey in the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020.
- **South Africa** are bidding to record a 2nd straight Davis Cup victory, having recorded an emphatic 4-0 win over Venezuela in a World Group II tie in September last year. The team lost in their last appearance at this stage of the competition – a 3-1 defeat to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020. They have won just one of their last 10 away ties, with their only victory away from home in that time coming against Denmark in a 2017 Europe/Africa Group II third round clash in Aarhus.

New Zealand v Uruguay

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **New Zealand** are bidding to hit back after a defeat to Korea, Republic in their most-recent outing, a World Group I tie also played that was also played in USA due to travel restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Prior to that defeat the team had been on a good run, having recorded victories over Indonesia in an Asia/Oceania Group II tie in 2019 and over Venezuela in a World Group I Play-off tie in 2020.
- **Uruguay** are bidding to recover from back-to-back Davis Cup defeats, with the team having lost both ties they contested during the 2020-21 season. They fell to Austria 3-1 in the Qualifiers in March 2020 before losing to Netherlands 4-0 at home in a World Group I tie in September last year. Those 2 defeats ended an 8-tie winning streak in the competition, with the team having risen from Americas Group III in 2017 to contest the Qualifiers just 3 years later – and they will be keen to recapture some of the form that took them to the brink of a place in the Davis Cup Finals this weekend.

[Ukraine v Barbados](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Ukraine** are bidding to reach the top tier of the Davis Cup again this year after narrowly missing out on a place in the Qualifiers this weekend. The team won their first 2 ties of the 2020-21 season, defeating Chinese Taipei in a World Group I Play-off in March 2020 and Israel in a World Group I tie in March 2021 before falling to Norway in the additional World Group I Knock-outs that were contested in November last year.
- **Barbados** are bidding to cement their place at Group I-level with victory this weekend, having defeated Indonesia in a World Group II tie last September to earn their place in this year's World Group I Play-offs. That victory over Indonesia ended a 5-tie Davis Cup losing streak that had seen the team go from competing in Americas Group I in 2018 down to Group II-level last season. Their last away victory in Davis Cup came 5 years ago, when they defeated Paraguay in a 2017 Americas Group II first round clash in Luque.

[Pakistan v Lithuania](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Pakistan** are bidding to bounce back from a disappointing 4-0 defeat to Japan in the nations' World Group I tie in March last year. They had earned their place in World Group I with a comfortable victory over Slovenia in the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020, and will hope for a similar result against another European opponent this weekend. The team have contested 6 of their last 7 Davis Cup ties at home, and have proved hard to beat in that time, with 4 victories and 2 defeats.
- **Lithuania** are bidding to reach Group I-level for the first time since 2015, when they contested Europe/Africa Group I but lost all 3 ties they played. The team fell to Portugal in the 2020 World Group I Play-offs before defeating Greece in a World Group II tie last September to earn their berth in the World Group I Play-offs once again this year. This will be the first time in their history that they have contested a Davis Cup tie on grass.

[Peru v Bolivia](#)

- Head-to-head: Peru lead 3-2
- Last meeting: 2018 Americas Group II first round – Peru defeated Bolivia 4-1 in La Paz, Bolivia (clay, outdoors)
- **Peru** are bidding to ascend to the highest level of the Davis Cup this year after just missing out on a place in the Qualifiers this weekend. The team fell to Romania in a World Group I Knock-out tie in November 2021, having recorded victories in their first 2 ties of the 2020-21 season – defeating Switzerland in the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020 and Bosnia and Herzegovina in a World Group I tie in September 2021. The team are seeking to extend a 6-tie winning streak on home soil, having not lost a Davis Cup tie at home since falling to Venezuela in a 2013 Americas Group II second round clash in Arequipa.
- **Bolivia** are bidding to bounce back from a heart-breaking defeat to Belgium in the nations' World Group I tie last September, which saw Bolivia surrender a 2-0 lead to fall to a 3-2 loss. The team had won their previous 3 ties prior to that defeat, rising from an Americas Group II relegation play-off in 2018 to the brink of the Qualifiers last year after victories against Puerto Rico, Guatemala and Dominican Republic.

[Switzerland v Lebanon](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Switzerland** are bidding to continue the momentum from a 5-0 victory over Estonia in the nations' World Group II tie last September – a result which ended a 5-tie Davis Cup losing streak for the Swiss, with the team having previously not recorded a victory in the competition since defeating Belarus in the 2017 World Group play-offs. Prior to that losing run, which saw the team lose twice at home, they had tended to be extremely strong on home soil, having not lost a home tie since falling to Czech Republic in a 2013 World Group first round tie.
- **Lebanon** are bidding to establish themselves at Group I-level, having risen from Asia/Oceania Group III as recently as 2017. The team won on their last appearance at this level, defeating Thailand in the 2020 World Group I Play-offs before falling to Brazil in their most-recent outing in a World Group I tie last September. They have played just one away tie in the last 4 years – but they won on that occasion, defeating Thailand in a 2018 Asia/Oceania Group II third round tie in Nonthaburi.

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WORLD GROUP II NOTES

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[Dominican Republic v Vietnam](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Dominican Republic** are bidding to end a 3-tie Davis Cup losing streak this weekend, having not recorded a victory in the competition since defeating Barbados in a 2018 Americas Group I relegation play-off. They lost both ties they contested during the 2020-21 season, falling to Bolivia in the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020 and to Tunisia in a World Group II tie in September last year. Another defeat this weekend would see the team compete at Group III-level for the first time since 2002.
- **Vietnam** are bidding to record their 4th consecutive Davis Cup victory this weekend. The team fell to Morocco in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020, but impressed in winning promotion from Asia/Oceania Group III – they defeated Pacific Oceania and Qatar in the round robin group before defeating Malaysia 2-0 in a promotion play-off. Should they win again this weekend, they will rise to Group II-level for the first time since 2017.

[Thailand v Latvia](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Thailand** are bidding to bounce back after losing both Davis Cup ties they contested during the 2020-21 season. The team fell to Lebanon in the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020 before suffering another defeat to Denmark in a World Group II tie in September last year. Back on home soil for this weekend, they will hope to replicate their performance from their last home tie – when they recorded a comfortable 3-1 victory over Philippines in a 2019 Asia/Oceania Group II tie in Nonthaburi.
- **Latvia** are bidding to maintain their World Group II status, having lost their most-recent tie to Turkey in World Group II in September last year. Prior to that, the team recorded an impressive victory against Egypt in the 2020 World Group II Play-offs to cement their position at Group II-level, having won promotion from Europe Group III in 2019. Victory for the team this weekend would be their first win in an away tie (excluding regional Group III events) since they defeated Monaco in a 2013 Europe/Africa Group II second round tie in Monte Carlo.

[Guatemala v Chinese Taipei](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Guatemala** are bidding to back-up their promotion from Americas Group III in 2021. The team fell to Tunisia in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020, but won promotion at the Americas Group III event in Panama last July after winning 2 of their 3 ties – recording victories against Cuba and Costa Rica but falling to Bahamas. They have won just one of their last 4 home Davis Cup ties, with their only home victory in that time coming against El Salvador in a 2018 Americas Group II relegation play-off in Guatemala City.
- **Chinese Taipei** are bidding to record a victory in their first Davis Cup outing since March 2020, when they fell to Ukraine in a World Group I Play-off tie. They gave a walkover to Morocco in the nations' World Group II tie last year. A defeat this weekend would see the team drop to Group III-level for the first time since the current Group format was introduced in the 1980s.

[Indonesia v Venezuela](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Indonesia** are bidding to avoid dropping to Group III-level for the first time since the current Group format was introduced in the 1980s. The team have played at Group II-level since being relegated from Asia/Oceania Group I in 2013. During the 2020-21 season, the team recorded a comfortable victory against Kenya in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020 before falling to Barbados in a World Group II tie in September last year.
- **Venezuela** are bidding to end a 4-tie Davis Cup losing streak, having not recorded a victory in the competition since defeating Guatemala in the 2018 Americas Group II first round. The team lost both ties they contested during the 2020-21 season – falling to New Zealand in the World Group I Play-offs in March 2020 before falling to South Africa in a World Group II tie last September. Their victory against Guatemala in 2018 is also their only away victory in the competition in the last 5 years.

Estonia v Pacific Oceania

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Estonia** are bidding to bounce back from a comprehensive 5-0 defeat to Switzerland on their most-recent Davis Cup outing, a World Group II tie in September last year. The team had previously been enjoying a strong run in the competition, winning promotion from Europe Group III in 2019 and recording an impressive 4-1 victory over Georgia in the 2020 World Group II Play-offs. They have won their last 8 Davis Cup ties played in Estonia (including 4 ties when the Europe Group III event was hosted in Tallinn in 2016), with their last defeat on home soil coming against Bosnia and Herzegovina in a 2010 Europe/Africa Group II second round tie in Tallinn.
- **Pacific Oceania** are bidding to reach Group II-level for the first time since 2012. They have competed at Asia/Oceania regional events since then – including dropping to Group IV for the first time since 2001 after relegation in 2018 – but back-to-back promotions now see the team on the cusp of World Group II. The team have won 6 of the last 7 Davis Cup ties they have played, with their only defeat in that time coming against Vietnam at the Asia/Oceania Group III event last year.

Egypt v Cyprus

- Head-to-head: Cyprus lead 2-0
- Last meeting: 2018 Europe/Africa Group II first round – Cyprus defeated Egypt 3-2 in Limassol, Cyprus (hard, indoors)
- **Egypt** are bidding to extend a 3-tie Davis Cup winning streak, having recorded victories against Benin, Algeria and Mozambique to earn promotion from Africa Group III in August last year. Their last Davis Cup defeat came in the World Group II Play-offs in 2020, when they fell to Latvia 4-1. The team lost their last 2 home ties played in the best-of-5-match format, falling to Finland in 2018 and Slovenia in 2019, but were impressive at the Africa Group III event – also hosted in Cairo – in 2021.
- **Cyprus** are bidding to return to Group II-level for the first time since 2017 and complete back-to-back promotions, having dropped into Europe Group IV after 2 successive relegations in 2017-18. Two wins in 3 ties were enough to secure progress at the Europe Group III event in 2021, with the team defeating Iceland and Georgia before suffering a narrow defeat to Monaco. Victory this weekend would be Cyprus' first win in a best-of-5-match tie since they defeated Benin 3-2 in a 2013 Europe/Africa Group II relegation play-off.

Greece v Jamaica

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Greece** are bidding to avoid a return to Group III-level, having reached World Group II in 2020-21 with a victory over Philippines in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020. The team then fell to Lithuania in a World Group II tie in September 2021. A victory for the team this weekend would ensure back-to-back seasons at Group II-level for the first time since 2007-08.
- **Jamaica** are bidding to continue the momentum from a successful week at the Americas Group III event in Panama last July. Having fallen to El Salvador in the 2020 World Group II Play-offs, the team then won all 4 ties they contested in Group III last year, recording victories against US Virgin Islands, Panama, Puerto Rico and Bahamas. Another victory this weekend would see the team reach Group II-level for the first time since 2009.

Monaco v Morocco

- Head-to-head: Monaco lead 3-1
- Last meeting: 2015 Europe/Africa Group II relegation play-off – Monaco defeated Morocco 3-1 in Monte Carlo, Monaco (clay, outdoors)
- **Monaco** are bidding to extend a 5-tie Davis Cup winning streak, having not lost a tie in the competition since falling to Greece at the 2019 Europe Group III event. The team impressed at the Europe Group III event in June 2021, winning all 4 matches they contested – against Malta, Ireland, Luxembourg and Cyprus – to earn promotion. They have won their 2 most-recent home ties, against Morocco in 2015 and Egypt in 2016, with their last defeat on home soil coming against Finland in the 2015 Europe/Africa Group II first round.
- **Morocco** are bidding to bounce back from a defeat to Denmark in the World Group II Knock-outs in November. The team had defeated Vietnam in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020 before receiving a walkover in their World Group II tie against Chinese Taipei last year. They are looking to record their first victory in a best-of-5-match away tie since 2011, when they defeated Lithuania in the Europe/Africa Group II relegation play-offs in Vilnius.

[Bulgaria v Paraguay](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Bulgaria** are bidding to maintain their World Group II-status and avoid back-to-back Davis Cup defeats, having fallen to Mexico in a World Group II tie in March 2021. The team had previously defeated Costa Rica in a World Group II Play-off in March 2020 – and will hope for another victory at this stage of the competition as they aim to avoid having to compete at Group III-level for the first time since 2018.
- **Paraguay** are bidding to record an away victory in a best-of-5-match Davis Cup tie for the first time since 2011, when they defeated Puerto Rico in an Americas Group II first round clash in Mayaguez. The team recorded a home victory over Sri Lanka in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020 but fell to Slovenia in an away World Group II tie in September last year. This is just their 2nd time they have travelled to Europe for a Davis Cup tie (after defeat to Slovenia in 2021) since July 1989, when they fell to Switzerland in a World Group play-off in Langenthal.

[Zimbabwe v El Salvador](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Zimbabwe** are bidding to recover from defeat to Tunisia in the World Group II Knock-outs in November. The team had defeated Syria in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020 before receiving a walkover in their World Group II tie against China, P.R. last year. The team are looking to avoid dropping into Group III for the first time since 2017. They have won their last 3 home ties, with their last defeat at home coming against Bosnia and Herzegovina in a 2015 Europe/Africa Group II first round tie in Harare.
- **El Salvador** are bidding to avoid dropping into Americas Group III for the first time since 2009. The team defeated Jamaica in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020, but fell to Poland in a World Group II tie in March 2021. Their victory against Jamaica in 2020 is the team's only win in the competition in their last 6 ties. Their last away Davis Cup victory came against Puerto Rico in a 2015 Americas Group II first round tie in Humacao.

[Benin v Hong Kong, China](#)

- Head-to-head: first meeting
- **Benin** are bidding to reach Group II-level for the first time since 2013. This is their first best-of-5-match tie since then – and just the 3rd best-of-5-match Davis Cup in their history. They contested ties against Portugal and Cyprus in 2013 Europe/Africa Group II before being relegated back to Group III. Two victories from 3 ties at the Africa Group III event in August last year were enough to secure their progress to the World Group II Play-offs this weekend – they fell to Egypt before recording victories against Algeria and Kenya.
- **Hong Kong, China** are bidding to return to Group II-level, having been relegated to Asia/Oceania Group III following a defeat to Poland in the World Group II Play-offs in March 2020. The team won all 3 ties they contested at the Asia/Oceania Group III event in September last year, defeating Malaysia, Kuwait and Jordan to secure their place at the World Group II Play-offs this weekend and will be keen to record their first victory in a best-of-5-match away tie since they defeated Vietnam in the 2017 Asia/Oceania Group II first round in Ho Chi Minh City.

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