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On court today:

- In the opening tie in Madrid, 2019 runners-up Canada begin their campaign to win their nation's first Davis Cup title – Frank Dancevic's squad face a Swedish team who are making their first appearance at the Finals. Vasek Pospisil leads the line for the Canadians this year, and he will hope to replicate his performances from 2019, when he won 5 of the 7 matches he contested to steer his team into the final. Sweden, who defeated Chile in last year's Qualifiers to earn their place at the Finals, will provide strong opposition, with the Ymer brothers likely to contest the singles matches before doubles specialists Andre Goransson and Robert Lindstedt play the final match of the tie. Captain Robin Soderling is hoping to lead the Swedes into the quarterfinals for the first time since 2011 – when Soderling himself was Sweden's No. 1 Davis Cup player.

- France and Czech Republic get the action underway in Innsbruck, with both nations aiming to make the first move in Group C ahead of ties against Great Britain at the weekend. France failed to reach the quarterfinals in Madrid 2 years ago – the first time they had been absent from the last 8 since 2009 – and will be keen to put that right this week. Arthur Rinderknech is their top singles player at the Finals, with the 26-year-old set to make his Davis Cup debut after a season of consistent performances have left him just outside the world's Top 50. The Czechs are the youngest team at the Finals, with 28-year-old Jiri Vesely the elder statesman of the squad. Vesely was in fine form during the Qualifiers last year, winning both of his matches to secure victory over Slovakia, and will hope to continue the momentum this week.

- 2018 champions Croatia face 28-time winners Australia in the first tie in Turin, and the Croatians will be aiming to bounce back from a disappointing title defence in Madrid in 2019. With Marin Cilic missing through injury, the team lost both their ties 3-0 at the Finals 2 years ago. Cilic returned to help the team win their 2020 Qualifiers tie against India and arrives at the Finals this year fit and in good form, having won the title at St Petersburg last month – but Croatia are not completely injury-free, as Borna Coric was forced to withdraw on Wednesday, after failing to fully recover from shoulder surgery earlier in the year. Australia will, as ever, provide a stern challenge for the Croatians, with Alex de Minaur – who won all 3 of his singles matches at the 2019 Finals – set to lead the Aussies this week. Lleyton Hewitt's team came within one match of the semifinals 2 years ago and will be hopeful of another strong campaign this season.

Group Stages

Group A Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1=	Spain	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	RTF	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Ecuador	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

Group B Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1=	Canada	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Kazakhstan	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Sweden	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

Group C Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1=	France	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Great Britain	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Czech Republic	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

Group D Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1=	Croatia	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Australia	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Hungary	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

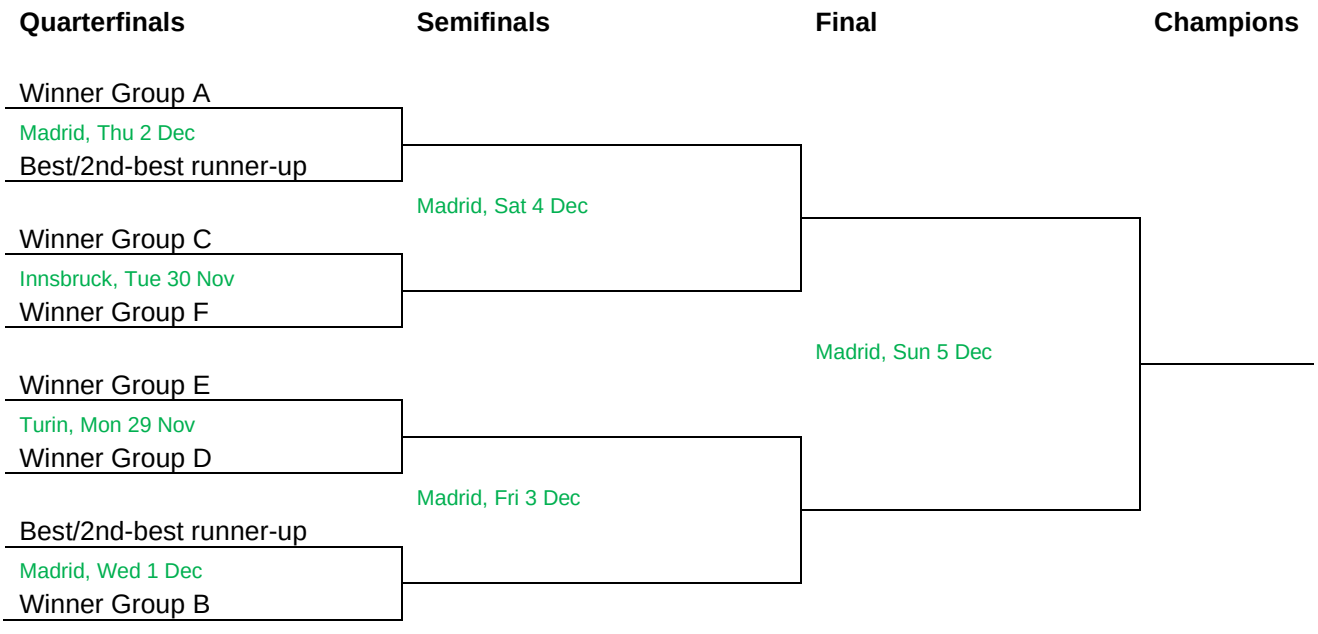
Group E Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1=	USA	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Italy	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Colombia	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

Group F Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1=	Serbia	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Germany	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)
1=	Austria	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

Knockout Stages



GROUP B – CANADA v SWEDEN
MADRID – 1600 CET

Head-to-head: Sweden lead 1-0
1992 World Group first round Carpet (I) Vancouver (CAN) Sweden d. Canada 3-2

A 2nd Davis Cup meeting for Canada and Sweden. Their only previous match-up came in the World Group first round in 1992, with Sweden coming back from 0-2 down to record a 3-2 victory. Magnus Gustafsson defeated Daniel Nestor in 5 sets in the decisive 5th match.

CANADA	v	SWEDEN
6	**Davis Cup Nations Ranking**	**14**
Runners-up 2019	**Best Davis Cup Result**	**Champions 7 times**
1913	**First Year Played**	**1925**
91	**Seasons Played**	**87**
160	**Ties Played**	**239**
71-89	**Ties Win-Loss**	**157-82**

Canada – Team Information

- 2019 runners-up **CANADA** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 2nd consecutive season. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.

- 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 have **won 9 of their last 11 hard court ties**. Their only defeats in hard court ties in that time came against Great Britain in the 2017 World Group first round in Ottawa and against Spain in the 2019 final.

- Canada **won the Junior Davis Cup in Madrid in 2015**, with Felix Auger-Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov defeating the German team of Nicola Kuhn and Marvin Moeller in the final.

- Canada are currently ranked at No. 6 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking** – their joint-highest ranking since the rankings were introduced in 2001. They were also ranked No. 6 from February to April in 2014.

- **Captain Frank Dancevic** became Canadian captain in 2018 (initially as player-captain) and has led the team to 6 wins in the 8 ties they have contested since then – including 4 victories at the Davis Cup Finals in Madrid in 2019 as the team recorded their best-ever Davis Cup result by reaching the final. As a player, he competed in 24 ties after making his debut in 2002, and had an 18-22 overall win-loss record.

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	**22-19**

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**	**10-8**

Most Davis Cup ties played by a Canadian player

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

Canada – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Vasek Pospisil	2008	10	21	12-11	10-8
Brayden Schnur	2017	1	1	0-2	0-0
Steven Diez	2010	1	1	0-1	0-0
Peter Polansky	2007	6	10	8-6	0-0

- **VASEK POSPISIL**
  - **Age**: 31 (born 23 June 1990 in Vernon, Canada)
  - **Rankings**: 133 (singles), 154 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: QF Eastbourne
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: RU Newport
  - **Davis Cup**: Pospisil is bidding to climb the list for most Davis Cup matches won by a Canadian player this week. He will equal Grant Connell in 3rd place on the list if he wins one match and claim sole ownership of 3rd place if he wins 2 matches. He won 5 of the 7 matches he contested as Canada reached the Davis Cup final for the first time in 2019, going 3-1 in singles despite being ranked lower than all 4 of his singles opponents, and 2-1 in doubles alongside Denis Shapovalov.

- **BRAYDEN SCHNUR**
  - **Age**: 26 (born 4 July 1995 in Toronto, Canada)
  - **Rankings**: 234 (singles), 280 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup**: Schnur made his only previous Davis Cup appearance to date in Canada's World Group play-off victory against India in 2017. He fell to Ramkumar Ramanathan in 4 sets in the opening match of the tie and to Yuki Bhambri in the dead 5th match. He was nominated as part of the team for the 2019 Finals but did not play a match.

- **STEVEN DIEZ**
  - **Age**: 30 (born 17 March 1991 in Toronto, Canada)
  - **Rankings**: 264 (singles), 548 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup**: Diez's 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**: 277 (singles), 159 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup**: Polansky could make his first Davis Cup appearance since 2014 this week. He played 10 ties between 2007 and 2014, earning an 8-6 win-loss record in singles. His most-recent Davis Cup appearance came in Canada's 2014 World Group first round defeat to Japan, when he fell to both Kei Nishikori and Go Soeda.

Sweden – Team Information

- **SWEDEN** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the first time since 2011, when they defeated Russia in the World Group first round before falling to Serbia in the last 8. They are making their first appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.

- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Sweden defeated Chile 3-1 in Stockholm, with Mikael Ymer winning both of his singles matches to secure Sweden's place at the Finals.

- Sweden have **won 8 of their last 9 Davis Cup ties**. Since being relegated to Europe/Africa Group II in 2016, their only defeat in the competition came against Colombia in the 2019 Qualifiers.

- Sweden are **7-time Davis Cup champions**, with all 7 of their titles coming between 1975 and 1998. They are 5th on the all-time list of champions – behind USA (32 titles), Australia (28), France and Great Britain (both 10).

- Sweden are ranked No. 14 in the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. Their best ranking is No. 4, which they held from December 2001 to July 2002.

- **Captain Robin Soderling** took over as Swedish captain ahead of the 2020 Qualifiers, leading the team to a 3-1 victory over Chile in Stockholm. As a player, he competed in 10 ties between 2004 and 2011 and had a 14-4 win-loss record. He also reached the Roland Garros final on 2 occasions, falling to Roger Federer in 2009 and to Rafael Nadal in 2011.

Sweden – Player Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Swedish player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Ulf Schmidt	66-36
2.	Jan-Erik Lundqvist	64-27
3.	Lennart Bergelin	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	8	11-4	0-0
Elias Ymer	2013	8	12	8-12	0-0
Jonathan Mridha	2018	1	1	1-1	0-0
Andre Goransson	2019	1	1	0-0	0-1
Robert Lindstedt	2007	13	21	0-3	15-5

- **MIKAEL YMER**
  - **Age**: 23 (born 9 September 1998 in Skovde, Sweden)
  - **Rankings**: 93 (singles), 1449 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: RU Winston-Salem; QF Gstaad, Kitzbuhel
  - **Davis Cup**: Mikael Ymer has won 9 of his last 11 Davis Cup matches, with his only defeats in Davis Cup matches in that time coming against Portugal's Joao Sousa in the 2018 Europe/Africa Group I first round and against Colombia's Daniel Elahi Galan in the 2019 Qualifiers. He defeated both Marcelo Tomas Barrios Vera and Alejandro Tabilo during Sweden's victory over Chile in the Qualifiers last year. He has never contested a doubles match in the competition.

- **ELIAS YMER**
  - **Age**: 25 (born 10 April 1996 in Skara, Sweden)
  - **Rankings**: 171 (singles), 391 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: SF Stockholm
  - **Davis Cup**: Elias Ymer has won one of his last 6 Davis Cup matches, with his only victory in a Davis Cup match in that time coming against Portugal's Gastao Elias in the 2018 Europe/Africa Group I first round. He lost the only match he contested in the competition last year, falling to Tabilo during Sweden's victory over Chile in the Qualifiers. He has never contested a doubles match in the competition.

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

- **ANDRE GORANSSON**
  - **Age**: 27 (born 30 April 1994)
  - **Rankings**: unranked (singles), 64 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: RU Belgrade 2; SF Santiago; QF Wimbledon
  - **Davis Cup**: Goransson's only previous Davis Cup appearance came during Sweden's 2019 Europe/Africa Group I victory over Israel. He and Markus Eriksson lost the doubles match Daniel Cukierman/Jonathan Erlich in straight sets.

- **ROBERT LINDSTEDT**
  - **Age**: 44 (born 19 March 1977 in Sundbyberg, Sweden)
  - **Rankings**: unranked (singles), 184 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup**: Lindstedt has won 3 of his last 4 Davis Cup matches. His only defeat in the competition in that time came in the 2019 Qualifiers, when he and Eriksson fell to Colombia's Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah in straight sets. Since making his debut in 2007, he has played in at least one Davis Cup match a season every year except 2017.

GROUP C – FRANCE v CZECH REPUBLIC

INNSBRUCK – 1600 CET

Head-to-head: France lead 9-7

1924	Europe Final	Clay (O)	Evian-les-Bains (FRA)	France d. Czechoslovakia 5-0
1926	Europe Quarterfinal	Clay (O)	Prague (TCH)	France d. Czechoslovakia 3-0
1937	Europe Quarterfinal	Clay (O)	Prague (TCH)	Czechoslovakia d. France 4-1
1947	Europe Semifinal	Unknown	Prague (TCH)	Czechoslovakia d. France 4-0
1949	Europe Quarterfinal	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	France d. Czechoslovakia 3-2
1957	Europe Second Round	Clay (O)	Lyon (FRA)	France d. Czechoslovakia 4-0
1966	Europe Semifinal	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	France d. Czechoslovakia 4-1
1975	Europe Final	Clay (O)	Prague (TCH)	Czechoslovakia d. France 3-2
1979	Europe Semifinal	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	Czechoslovakia d. France 4-1
1980	Europe Semifinal	Clay (O)	Prague (TCH)	Czechoslovakia d. France 5-0
1982	World Group Quarterfinal	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	France d. Czechoslovakia 3-2
1984	World Group Quarterfinal	Carpet (I)	Hradec Kralove (TCH)	Czechoslovakia d. France 3-2
2002	World Group Quarterfinal	Carpet (I)	Pau (FRA)	France d. Czech Republic 3-2
2009	World Group First Round	Carpet (I)	Ostrava (CZE)	Czech Republic d. France 3-2
2014	World Group Semifinal	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	France d. Czech Republic 4-1
2016	World Group Quarterfinal	Hard (I)	Trinec (CZE)	France d. Czech Republic 3-1

A 17th Davis Cup meeting for the French and the Czechs, with France having gained a slight advantage in the nation's head-to-head by winning their 2 most-recent ties – a semifinal in Paris in 2014 and a quarterfinal in Trinec in 2016. France have won 3 of the 4 ties the nations have contested in the last 20 years, with Czech Republic's only victory over the French in that time coming in a World Group first round clash in 2009.

FRANCE	v	CZECH REPUBLIC
1	**Davis Cup Nations Ranking**	**18**
Champions 10 times	**Best Davis Cup Result**	**Champions 3 times**
1904	**First Year Played**	**1921***
101	**Seasons Played**	**87***
260	**Ties Played**	**213**
170-90	**Ties Win-Loss**	**131-82**

*Czech players represented Czechoslovakia until 1992; Czech Republic takes Czechoslovakia's historical record in Davis Cup.

France – Team Information

- **FRANCE** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 10th time since 2010. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals, having been awarded a wild card for the Finals this year.

- **At the 2019 Finals**, France finished 2nd in Group A recording a 2-1 victory over Japan but falling to Serbia 2-1. It was the first time since 2009 that they had failed to advance to the quarterfinals.

- France have **won the Davis Cup title on 10 previous occasions** – most recently in 2017, when they defeated Belgium in Lille. They have finished runner-up on 9 occasions, including in 2014 (l. Switzerland) and 2018 (l. Croatia).

- France are bidding to win their 11th Davis Cup title and claim sole ownership of **3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup titles**, ahead of Great Britain. They equalled Great Britain in 3rd place on the list after winning their 10th title in 2017.

- France have **won 8 of their last 10 Davis Cup ties**. The team's 7-tie winning streak came to an end after defeat to Croatia in the 2018 Final, and they have since defeated Japan and fallen to Serbia at the Finals in 2019.

- France regained the No. 1 position on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking** for the first time since July 2004 after winning their 10th title in November 2017 and have remained at No. 1 since then. They are one of 8 nations to have held the No. 1 ranking, alongside Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Russia and Spain.

- **Captain Sebastian Grosjean** took over as captain ahead of the 2019 season and has a 1-1 win-loss record in his time at the helm, with France having finished in 2nd place in their group at the 2019 Finals. As a player, Grosjean made his Davis Cup debut in 1999 and competed in 16 ties, compiling a 16-10 overall win-loss record. He was part of the French teams that won the title in 2001 and finished runner-up in 1999 and 2002.

France – Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a French player

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

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a French player

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

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a French player

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

Most Davis Cup ties played by a French player

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

France – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Arthur Rinderknech	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Adrian Mannarino	2018	1	1	1-1	0-0
Richard Gasquet	2005	11	20	14-10	4-2
Pierre-Hugues Herbert	2016	4	10	0-1	9-1
Nicolas Mahut	2015	4	11	1-2	11-2

- **ARTHUR RINDERKNECH**
  - **Age**: 26 (born 23 July 1995 in Gassin, France)
  - **Rankings**: 58 (singles), 131 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: SF Kitzbuhel; QF Marseille, Lyon, Bastad, Gstaad, Antwerp, Stockholm
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: RU Metz; SF Gstaad
  - **Davis Cup**: Rinderknech could make his Davis Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

- **ADRIAN MANNARINO**
  - **Age**: 33 (born 29 June 1988 in Soisy-Sous-Montmorency, France)
  - **Rankings**: 71 (singles), 162 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: SF Mallorca; QF Singapore, Moscow
  - **Davis Cup**: Mannarino could make just his 2nd Davis Cup appearance this week. He has contested one tie in the competition – he fell to Thiemo de Bakker before defeating Robin Haase in 5 sets during France's 2018 World Group first round victory over Netherlands.

- **RICHARD GASQUET**
  - **Age**: 35 (born 18 June 1986 in Beziers, France)
  - **Rankings**: 86 (singles), unranked (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: RU Umag; QF Lyon, Parma, Winston-Salem
  - **Davis Cup**: Gasquet could make his first Davis Cup appearance since 2018 this week. His last appearance in the competition came during the 2018 semifinals, when he fell to Albert Ramos-Vinolas in a dead singles match. He was a member of the French teams which won the 2017 final – in which he and Herbert defeated Belgium's Ruben Bemelmans/Joris de Loore in the doubles match – and which finished runners-up to Switzerland in the 2014 final, in which he fell to Roger Federer in the final match of the tie.

- **PIERRE-HUGUES HERBERT**
  - **Age**: 30 (born 18 March 1991 in Schiltigheim, France)
  - **Rankings**: 110 (singles), 8 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: RU Marseille
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Roland Garros, Queen's, ATP Finals; RU Lyon, Paris; SF Acapulco; QF Australian Open, US Open
  - **Davis Cup**: Herbert has 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 and Mahut also won both matches they contested at the 2019 Finals.

- **NICOLAS MAHUT**
  - **Age**: 39 (born 21 January 1982 in Angers, France)
  - **Rankings**: 400 (singles), 5 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Roland Garros, Queen's, Antwerp, ATP Finals; RU Lyon, Paris; SF Acapulco; QF Australian Open, US Open
  - **Davis Cup**: Mahut is bidding to extend his 9-match winning streak in Davis Cup doubles matches. He has not been defeated in a Davis Cup doubles clash since he and Herbert fell to Cilic/Dodig in France's semifinal defeat to Croatia in 2016. He and Herbert defeated Dodig/Mate Pavic in the doubles match in the 2018 Davis Cup Final. The pair also won both matches they contested at the 2019 Finals.

Czech Republic – Team Information

- **CZECH REPUBLIC** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the first time since 2016. They are making their first appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.

- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Czech Republic defeated Slovakia 3-1 in Bratislava, with 2 singles victories for Jiri Vesely securing their place at the Finals.

- Czech Republic have **won 4 of their last 5 Davis Cup ties**. Their only defeat in that time in the 2019 Qualifiers, when they fell to Netherlands 3-1 in Ostrava.

- Czech Republic are bidding to win their **4th Davis Cup title**. 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. 18 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.

- **Captain Jaroslav Navratil** has captained the Czech Davis Cup team since 2006, winning back-to-back titles in 2012-13 (although he was forced to miss the 2013 final due to illness). He has a 24-11 win-loss record as captain. As a player, he competed in just one tie for Czechoslovakia winning a dead 5th match in the team's defeat to Paraguay in 1983.

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	**11-10**

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**	**14**

*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 Vesely	2013	8	14	11-10	2-3
Jiri Lehecka	2019	1	2	0-1	0-1
Zdenek Kolar	2020	1	1	0-0	0-1
Tomas Machac	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0

- **JIRI VESELY**
  - **Age**: 28 (born 10 July 1993 in Pribram, Czech Republic)
  - **Rankings**: 82 (singles), 334 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: QF Melbourne 2
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: SF Montpellier
  - **Davis Cup**: Vesely is bidding to record his 12th Davis Cup singles match-win this week and claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup singles matches won by a player representing Czech Republic, ahead of Petr Korda and Bohdan Ulihrach. He won 5 of the last 6 Davis Cup singles matches he has contested, with his only defeat during that time coming against Mirza Basic during Czech Republic's 2019 Europe/Africa Group I victory over Bosnia and Herzegovina. He defeated Jozef Kovalik and Andrej Martin in Czech Republic's victory over Slovakia in the Qualifiers last year.

- **JIRI LEHECKA**
  - **Age**: 20 (born 8 November 2001 in Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic)
  - **Rankings**: 138 (singles), 232 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup**: Lehecka is bidding to win his first Davis Cup match this week. He has lost both of his previous matches in the competition, falling to Robin Haase in Czech Republic's defeat to Netherlands in the 2019 Qualifiers, and losing the doubles match alongside Vesely during Czech Republic's 2019 Europe/Africa Group I victory over Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- **ZDENEK KOLAR**
  - **Age**: 25 (born 9 October 1996)
  - **Rankings**: 140 (singles), 120 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup**: Kolar made his Davis Cup debut during Czech Republic's victory over Slovakis in the Qualifiers last year. He and Jonas Forejtek fell to Filip Polasek/Igor Zelenay in straight sets in the doubles match.

- **TOMAS MACHAC**
  - **Age**: 21 (born 13 October 2000 in Beroun, Czech Republic)
  - **Rankings**: 143 (singles), 472 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup**: Machac could make his Davis Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the 3rd time. He was also nominated for Czech Republic's ties against Netherlands and Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2019 but did not contest a match in either tie.

GROUP D – CROATIA v AUSTRALIA
TURIN – 1600 CET

Head-to-head: Australia lead 1-0
1996 World Group play-off Clay (O) Split (CRO) Australia d. Croatia 4-1

A 2nd Davis Cup meeting for Croatia and Australia. The Aussies won their only previous encounter against Croatia, a World Group play-off victory in Split in 1996.

CROATIA	v	AUSTRALIA
2	**Davis Cup Nations Ranking**	**11**
Champions 2005, 2018	**Best Davis Cup Result**	**Champions 28 times**
1993*	**First Year Played**	**1905**
28*	**Seasons Played**	**101**
63	**Ties Played**	**263**
38-25	**Ties Win-Loss**	**191-72**

*Prior to 1993, Croatian players represented Yugoslavia

Croatia – Team Information

- **CROATIA** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 3rd time since 2016. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals

- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Croatia defeated India 3-1 in Zagreb. A victory for Borna Gojo and 2 singles victories for Marin Cilic secured their place at the Finals this year.

- **At the 2019 Finals**, as defending champions, Croatia lost both ties they contested, falling to Russia 3-0 and Spain 3-0 as they finished in 3rd place in Group B. Their defeat to Russia ended a 5-tie Davis Cup winning streak.

- In 2018, Croatia defeated France 3-1 in the Davis Cup Final in Lille to win their **2nd Davis Cup title**. The team also won the title in 2005, defeating Slovakia to become the first nation to win the title unseeded, and finished runner-up to Argentina in 2016.

- Croatia are currently ranked No. 2 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. They are one of 8 nations to rank No. 1 since the rankings were introduced in 2001 (alongside Argentina, Australia, Czech Republic, France, Great Britain, Russia and Spain), having been ranked No. 1 between November 2005 and September 2006.

- **Captain Vedran Martic** became Croatian captain ahead of the 2020 season, leading Croatia to victory against India in the Qualifiers in his first tie in charge. Martic never played Davis Cup, but has enjoyed a successful coaching career, working with Goran Ivanisevic, Karen Khachanov and Marin Cilic among others.

Croatia – Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Croatian player*

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	**Marin Cilic**	**41-17**
2.	Ivan Ljubicic	36-19
3.	Goran Ivanisevic**	33-11
4.	Mario Ancic	21-13
5.	Ivo Karlovic	13-14

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	**Marin Cilic**	**31-11**
2.	Ivan Ljubicic	23-12
3.	Goran Ivanisevic**	20-6
4.	Mario Ancic	13-11
5.	**Borna Coric**	**10-8**

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

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

Most Davis Cup ties played by a Croatian player*

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	**Marin Cilic**	**26**
2.	Ivan Ljubicic	22
3=	Mario Ancic	18
	Ivan Dodig	18
	Goran Ivanisevic**	18

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

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

Croatia – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Marin Cilic	2006	13	26	31-11	10-6
Nino Serdarusic	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Borna Gojo	2019	2	3	1-2	0-0
Mate Pavic	2013	5	6	0-1	0-6
Nikola Mektic	2011	4	6	1-2	3-1

- **MARIN CILIC**
  - **Age**: 33 (born 28 September 1988 in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
  - **Rankings**: 30 (singles), 419 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: Won Stuttgart, St Petersburg; RU Moscow; SF Singapore, Estoril; QF Queen's
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Silver Tokyo Olympics; SF Stuttgart
  - **Davis Cup**: Cilic made a successful return to the Croatian team in the 2020 Qualifiers, having missed the 2019 Finals due to a knee injury. He defeated both Ramkumar Ramanathan and Sumit Nagal in Croatia's victory over India in the Qualifiers. He won 5 of the 6 Davis Cup singles matches he contested during Croatia's title-winning season, and holds the Croatian Davis Cup records for most total match-wins, most singles match-wins and most ties played.

- **NINO SERDARUSIC**
  - **Age**: 24 (born 13 December 1996 in Zagreb, Croatia)
  - **Rankings**: 242 (singles), 233 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup**: Serdarusic could make his Davis Cup debut this week. He was nominated for the first time for Croatia's victory over India in the 2020 Qualifiers but did not contest a match in the tie.

- **BORNA GOJO**
  - **Age**: 22 (born 27 February 1998 in Split, Croatia)
  - **Rankings**: 276 (singles), 449 (doubles)
  - **Davis Cup**: Gojo made his Davis Cup debut at the 2019 Davis Cup Finals, losing both matches he contested in straight sets, falling to Russia's Andrey Rublev and Spain's Rafael Nadal. He recorded his first victory in the competition in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating India's Prajnesh Gunneswaran in 3 sets.

- **MATE PAVIC**
  - **Age**: 28 (born 4 July 1993 in Split, Croatia)
  - **Rankings**: unranked (singles), 1 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Antalya, Melbourne 2, Rotterdam, Miami, Monte Carlo, Rome, Eastbourne, Wimbledon, Tokyo Olympics; RU Dubai, Madrid, Toronto; SF Australian Open, ATP Finals
  - **Davis Cup**: Pavic will bid to record his first Davis Cup match-win this week. He lost the only match he contested at the 2019 Finals – he and Dodig fell to Spain's Marcel Granollers/Rafael Nadal in straight sets. He also lost the only match he contested in the 2020 Qualifiers, falling to India's Rohan Bopanna/Leander Paes alongside Franko Skugor.

- **NIKOLA MEKTIC**
  - **Age**: 32 (born 24 December 1988 in Zagreb, Croatia)
  - **Rankings**: unranked (singles), 2 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Antalya, Melbourne 2, Rotterdam, Miami, Monte Carlo, Rome, Eastbourne, Wimbledon, Tokyo Olympics; RU Dubai, Madrid, Toronto; SF Australian Open, ATP Finals
  - **Davis Cup**: Mektic has won 3 of the 4 Davis Cup doubles matches he has contested, with his only defeat coming at the 2019 Finals, when he and Ivan Dodig fell to Russia's Karen Khachanov/Andrey Rublev.

Australia – Team Information

- **AUSTRALIA** are bidding to reach the quarterfinals for the 4th time since 2015. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals.

- **In the 2020 Qualifiers**, Australia defeated Brazil 3-1 in Adelaide, with John Millman defeating Thiago Monteiro in the 4th match to secure their place at the Finals.

- **At the 2019 Finals**, Australia won both of their ties in Group D at the Finals, defeating Colombia 3-0 and Belgium 2-1, to finish top of the group and advance to the quarterfinals. They fell to Canada 2-1 in the quarterfinals, with Vasek Pospisil/Denis Shapovalov defeating John Peers/Jordan Thompson in the decisive doubles match.

- Australia are **28-time Davis Cup champions**, having won the title more than any other nation except USA, who have won 32 Davis Cup titles. They won their most recent title in 2003, defeating Spain 3-1 in the final in Melbourne. Since then, their best performance has been reaching the semifinals on 3 occasions – in 2006 (l. Argentina), 2015 (l. Great Britain) and 2017 (l. Belgium).

- Australia are ranked No. 11 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. They are one of only 8 nations (alongside Argentina, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Great Britain, Russia and Spain) to have been ranked No. 1 since the Davis Cup Nations Ranking was introduced, having held the top position when the rankings were launched in December 2001 and again in December 2003-February 2004.

- **Captain Lleyton Hewitt** has led the team in 12 ties since taking over from Wally Masur in 2016. He has a 7-5 win-loss record as captain, with the highlight of his captaincy to date being the team's run to the semifinals in 2017. Hewitt was part of title-winning teams in 1999 and 2003, and holds multiple Davis Cup records for Australia, including most total wins (59), most singles wins (42), most ties played (43) and most seasons played (19).

Australia – Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by an Australian player

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

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by an Australian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Lleyton Hewitt	42-13
2.	Adrian Quist	24-10
3=	Pat Cash	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	2	6	4-3	0-0
Alexei Popyrin	2019	1	1	1-0	0-0
John Millman	2017	3	4	3-2	0-0
Alex Bolt	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
John Peers	2016	5	12	0-0	6-6

- **ALEX DE MINAUR**
  - **Age**: 22 (born 17 February 1999 in Sydney, Australia)
  - **Rankings**: 34 (singles), 133 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: Won Antalya, Eastbourne; SF Queen's; QF Stuttgart
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: SF Queen's
  - **Davis Cup**: De Minaur is bidding to extend a 4-match Davis Cup winning streak. He lost the first 3 matches he contested in the competition, before winning all 4 of the matches he played during the 2019 season, as Australia reached the quarterfinals. At the 2019 Finals, he defeated both Colombia's Daniel Galan and Belgium's David Goffin in the group stages and Canada's Denis Shapovalov in the quarterfinals.

- **ALEXEI POPYRIN**
  - **Age**: 22 (born 5 August 1999 in Sydney, Australia)
  - **Rankings**: 61 (singles), 336 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: Won Singapore
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: SF Atlanta
  - **Davis Cup**: Popyrin could make his 2nd Davis Cup appearance this week. He made his debut in Australia's 2019 Qualifiers victory over Bosnia and Herzegovina, defeating Nerman Fatic in a dead singles match.

- **JOHN MILLMAN**
  - **Age**: 32 (born 14 June 1989 in Brisbane, Australia)
  - **Rankings**: 72 (singles), 197 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: QF Munich, Washington, Nur-Sultan, Sofia, Moscow, St Petersburg
  - **Davis Cup**: Millman recorded his first Davis Cup match-win in Australia's 2019 Qualifiers victory against Bosnia and Herzegovina, defeating Damir Dzumhur in straight sets, and recorded 2 more match-wins in Australia's 2020 Qualifiers victory over Brazil, defeating both Thiago Seyboth Wild and Thiago Monteiro in 3 sets. He lost the only match he contested at the 2019 Finals, falling to Canada's Vasek Pospisil in the opening match of the quarterfinals.

- **ALEX BOLT**
  - **Age**: 28 (born 5 January 1993 in Murray Bridge, Australia)
  - **Rankings**: 135 (singles), 743 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: QF Los Cabos
  - **Davis Cup**: Bolt could make his Davis Cup debut this week. He was nominated for the first time for Australia's victory over Brazil in the 2020 Qualifiers, but did not contest a match.

- **JOHN PEERS**
  - **Age**: 33 (born 25 July 1988 in Melbourne, Australia)
  - **Rankings**: unranked (singles), 13 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Geneva, Indian Wells; RU Queen's, San Diego; SF Rome, US Open, Vienna, Paris
  - **Davis Cup**: Peers has won one of the 4 Davis Cup matches he has contested, with his only victory in that time coming when he and Jordan Thompson defeated Colombia's Juan-Sebastian Cabal/Robert Farah in the group stages at the 2019 Finals. He has contested the doubles match in every Davis Cup tie Australia have played since the 2016 World Group first round.