

DAVIS CUP FINALS 2024

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Italy v Australia

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On court today:

- Australia can match their runs to the final in 2022 and 2023 should they advance today as they continue their pursuit of a 29th title for their nation. Should they do so, they would become the first nation to reach 3 consecutive Davis Cup finals since the Australian teams that won the title in 1999 and finished as runners-up in 2000 and 2001. The men in green and gold came through a close tie against the USA in the quarterfinals on Thursday. Thanasi Kokkinakis defeated Davis Cup debutant Ben Shelton in the opening match, winning 16-14 in the final set tiebreak in what was the joint-6th longest tiebreak in competition history, and the longest since the record of 20-18 was set in a match between Germany's Kevin Krawietz/Andreas Mies and Argentina's Maximo Gonzalez/Leonardo Mayer. Alex de Minaur then fell to world No. 4 Taylor Fritz, before Matthew Ebden teamed up with Jordan Thompson to defeat Shelton and Tommy Paul in the deciding doubles match.
- Defending champions Italy are also looking to reach consecutive finals, and should they make it to the championship tie would be in with a chance of becoming the first nation to successfully defend the Davis Cup title since Czechia won in 2012 and 2013. They made a comeback against Argentina in the quarterfinals on Thursday, when after Lorenzo Musetti fell to Francisco Cerundolo, world No. 1 Jannik Sinner orchestrated their run to victory. He defeated Sebastian Baez before partnering Matteo Berrettini to defeat Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni, winning both matches in straight sets. Those wins extend his unbeaten run in Davis Cup matches to 7, and his streak of Tour-level wins to 13, having now won 24 consecutive sets across 12 matches.

Final 8 knockout stage

Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Champions
1st Group A ITALY			
Thu 21 Nov, not before 1700 CET	ITALY		
2nd Group D ARGENTINA	2-1		
	Sat 23 Nov, 1300 CET		
1st Group C USA			
Thu 21 Nov, 1000 CET	AUSTRALIA		
2nd Group B AUSTRALIA	2-1		
		Sun 24 Nov, 1600 CET	
2nd Group C GERMANY			
Wed 20 Nov, 1200 CET	GERMANY		
1st Group D CANADA	2-0		
	Fri 22 Nov, 1700 CET	NETHERLANDS	
2nd Group A NETHERLANDS		2-0	
Tue 19 Nov, 1700 CET	NETHERLANDS		
1st Group B SPAIN	2-1		

ITALY v AUSTRALIA

MALAGA – 1300 CET/1200 GMT

Head-to-head: [Australia leads 8-5](#)

1928	Europe first round	Clay (O)	Genoa (ITA)	Italy d. Australia 4-1
1930	Europe semifinal	Clay (O)	Milan (ITA)	Italy d. Australia 3-2
1949	Inter-Zonal Final	Grass (O)	Rye, NY (USA)	Australia d. Italy 5-0
1955	Inter-Zonal Final	Grass (O)	Philadelphia, PA (USA)	Australia d. Italy 5-0
1959	Inter-Zonal semifinal	Grass (O)	Philadelphia, PA (USA)	Australia d. Italy 4-1
1960	Final	Grass (O)	Sydney (AUS)	Australia d. Italy 4-1
1961	Final	Grass (O)	Melbourne (AUS)	Australia d. Italy 5-0
1976	Inter-Zonal semifinal	Clay (O)	Rome (ITA)	Italy d. Australia 3-2
1977	Final	Grass (O)	Sydney (AUS)	Australia d. Italy 3-1
1980	Inter-Zonal semifinal	Clay (O)	Rome (ITA)	Italy d. Australia 3-2
1984	World Group quarterfinal	Grass (O)	Brisbane (AUS)	Australia d. Italy 5-0
1993	World Group quarterfinal	Clay (O)	Florence (ITA)	Australia d. Italy 3-2
2023	Final	Hard (I)	Malaga (ESP)	Italy d. Australia 2-0

A 14th Davis Cup meeting for Australia and Italy – and their 2nd in consecutive years after meeting in the final last year, when Italy won 2-0 to secure their 2nd Davis Cup title. Italy have defeated Australia en route to both their Davis Cup titles to date, in 1976, coming out victors in the Inter-Zonal semifinal that year before defeating Chile in the final to claim the title, and last year. This is a 2nd consecutive meeting between Italy and Australia on indoor hard courts

ITALY	v	AUSTRALIA
1	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	2
Champions 1976 and 2023	Best Davis Cup Result	Champions 28 times (most recent 2003)
1922	First Year Played	1905
93	Seasons Played	104
273	Ties Played	282
181-92	Ties Win-Loss	204-78

Route to the semifinals

ITALY	Round	AUSTRALIA
As 2023 Davis Cup champions, Italy qualified automatically for the 2024 Finals.	Qualifiers	As 2023 Davis Cup runners-up, Australia qualified automatically for the 2024 Finals.
Italy defeated Brazil 2-1 Berrettini (ITA) d. Fonseca (BRA) 6-1 7-6(5) Arnaldi (ITA) d. Monteiro (BRA) 7-5 6-7(4) 7-6(5) Matos/Melo (BRA) d. Bolelli/Vavassori (ITA) 6-7(3) 7-6(6) 7-5	Group Stage	Australia defeated France 2-1 Kokkinakis (AUS) d. Fils (FRA) 7-6(4) 7-6(3) Humbert (FRA) d. Popyrin (AUS) 6-3 6-2 Ebden/Purcell (AUS) d. Herbert/Roger-Vasselin (FRA) 7-5 5-7 6-3
Italy defeated Belgium 2-1 Berrettini (ITA) d. Blockx (BEL) 3-6 6-2 7-5 Bergs (BEL) d. Cobolli (ITA) 6-3 6-7(5) 6-0 Bolelli/Vavassori (ITA) d. Gille/Vliegen (BEL) 7-6(2) 7-5		Australia defeated Czechia 3-0 Kokkinakis (AUS) (AUS) d. Mensik (CZE) 6-2 6-7(2) 6-3 Popyrin (AUS) d. Machac (CZE) 1-0 ret. Ebden/Purcell (AUS) d. Mensik/Pavlascek (CZE) 6-4 6-2
Italy defeated Netherlands 2-1 Berrettini (ITA) d. Van de Zandschulp (NED) 3-6 6-4 6-4 Cobolli (ITA) d. Griekspoor (NED) 7-6(4) 4-6 6-3 Koolhof/Van de Zandschulp (NED) d. Bolelli/Vavassori (ITA) 7-6(6) 7-5		Spain defeated Australia 2-1 Carreno Busta (ESP) d. Thompson (AUS) 2-6 6-2 7-6(3) Popyrin (AUS) d. Martinez (ESP) 6-4 6-4 Granollers/Martinez (ESP) d. Ebden/Purcell (AUS) 5-7 6-4 6-4
Italy defeated Argentina 2-1 Cerundolo (ARG) d. Musetti (ITA) 6-4 6-1 Sinner (ITA) d. Baez 6-2 6-1 Berrettini/Sinner (ITA) d. Gonzalez/Molteni 6-4 7-5	Quarterfinals	Australia defeated USA 2-1 Kokkinakis (AUS) d. Shelton (USA) 6-1 4-6 7-6(14) Fritz (USA) d. De Minaur (AUS) 6-3 6-4 Ebden/Thompson (AUS) d. Paul/Shelton (USA) 6-4 6-4

Possible final head-to-heads

	NETHERLANDS
ITALY	9-1
AUSTRALIA	1-0

Italy – Team Information

- **ITALY** are bidding to reach the final for the 2nd consecutive year. They are making their 5th appearance at the Davis Cup Finals. They defeated Argentina 2-1 in the quarterfinals on Thursday.
- **At the Finals group stage in September**, Italy defeated Brazil 2-1, Belgium 2-1 and Netherlands 2-1 to finish in 1st place in Group A in Bologna.
- **Last season**, Italy won their 2nd Davis Cup title. They received a wild card to the Finals, where they fell to Canada 0-3 before defeating Chile 3-0 and Sweden 2-1 to finish in 2nd place in Group A, then defeated Netherlands 2-1 in the quarterfinals, Serbia 2-1 in the semifinals, and Australia 2-0 in the final. As 2023 champions, Italy automatically qualified for the Finals this year.
- Italy were also **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. 1 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**, reaching the top ranking after winning the competition in November 2023. They are the 10th nation (alongside Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Czechia, France, Great Britain, Russia, Spain and Canada) to have been ranked No. 1 since the Davis Cup Nations Ranking was introduced.
- **Captain Filippo Volandri** has led the Italian team since 2021 and has an 16-3 tie win-loss record as captain. As a player, he represented Italy in Davis Cup between 2001 and 2010 and had a 10-7 overall match win-loss record.

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

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=	Simone Bolelli	34
	Giorgio de Stefani	34

Italy – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Jannik Sinner	2021	4	10	10-1	3-3
Lorenzo Musetti	2021	4	10	2-5	1-2
Matteo Berrettini	2019	3	11	7-2	2-2
Andrea Vavassori	2024	1	3	0-0	1-2
Simone Bolelli	2007	17	34	7-9	17-13

• JANNIK SINNER

- **Age:** 23 (born 16 August 2001 in San Candido, Italy)
- **Rankings (18 Nov):** 1 (singles), 338 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** Won Australian Open, Rotterdam, Miami, Halle, Cincinnati, US Open, Shanghai, ATP Finals; RU Beijing; SF Indian Wells, Monte Carlo, Roland Garros; QF Madrid, Wimbledon, Montreal
- **2024 doubles highlights:** QF Montreal
- **Davis Cup:** Sinner has now won the last 7 matches he has contested across singles and doubles in Davis Cup competition. He defeated Sebastian Baez and partnered Berrettini to defeat Maximo Gonzalez/Andres Molteni in Italy's 2-1 victory against Argentina in the quarterfinals on Thursday. Prior to that, he won all 5 matches he contested in the competition in 2023, all at the Final 8 knockout stage in Malaga as he led Italy to their 2nd Davis Cup title. He defeated Tallon Griekspoor and partnered Lorenzo Sonego to defeat Griekspoor/Wesley Koolhof in the quarterfinals against Netherlands, defeated Novak Djokovic and partnered Sonego to defeat Djokovic/Miomir Kecmanovic in the semifinals against Serbia, and defeated Alex de Minaur to seal Italy's 2-0 victory against Australia in the final. He has won 10 of the 11 singles matches he has contested in the competition since making his debut at the 2021 Finals, his only singles loss in the competition coming against Sweden's Mikael Ymer at the 2022 Finals group stage.

• LORENZO MUSETTI

- **Age:** 22 (born 3 March 2002 in Carrara, Italy)
- **Rankings (18 Nov):** 17 (singles), 180 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** RU Queen's, Umag, Chengdu; SF Stuttgart, Wimbledon, Paris 2024 Olympics (Bronze medal), Vienna; QF Adelaide; R16 Miami
- **2024 singles highlights:** RU Doha
- **Davis Cup:** Musetti played his first Davis Cup match since the 2023 Finals in Italy's 2-1 win against Argentina in the quarterfinals on Thursday. He fell to Francisco Cerundolo in the opening match of the tie. He won one of the 4 matches he contested in the competition in 2023, falling to Canada's Gabriel Diallo before partnering Sonego to defeat Chile's Barrios Vera/Tabilo, before partnering Bolelli in a loss to Sweden's Bergevi/Goransson. After winning his first 2 Davis Cup singles matches, Musetti has lost his last 5 singles matches in the competition. He has a 3-7 win-loss record across singles and doubles overall.

• MATTEO BERRETTINI

- **Age:** 28 (born 12 April 1996 in Rome, Italy)
- **Rankings (18 Nov):** 35 (singles), unranked (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** Won Marrakech, Gstaad, Kitzbuhel; RU Stuttgart; QF Vienna
- **Davis Cup:** Berrettini partnered Sinner to defeat Gonzalez Molteni in the deciding doubles of Italy's 2-1 win against Argentina in the quarterfinals on Thursday. He has won 7 of the 9 singles matches he has contested in the competition since making his Davis Cup debut in 2019, including all 3 matches he has contested in 2024. He defeated Brazil's Joao Fonseca, Belgium's Alexander Blockx and Netherlands' Botic van de Zandschulp at the Finals group stage in September. He has a 9-4 win-loss record in the competition across singles and doubles.

• ANDREA VAVASSORI

- **Age:** 29 (born 5 May 1995 in Turin, Italy)
- **Rankings (18 Nov):** 256 (singles), 9 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** QF Buenos Aires
- **2024 doubles highlights:** Won Buenos Aires, Halle, Beijing; RU Australian Open, Roland Garros; SF Rio de Janeiro, Indian Wells, Rome; QF Monte Carlo, Madrid, Montreal, Shanghai
- **Davis Cup:** Vavassori made his Davis Cup debut at the Finals group stage in September, winning one of the 3 matches he contested, partnering Bolelli in all 3 matches, defeating Belgium's Sander

Gille/Joran Vliegen but falling to Brazil's Rafael Matos/Marcelo Melo and Netherlands' Wesley Koolhof/Botic van de Zandschulp.

- **SIMONE BOLELLI**

- **Age:** 39 (born 8 October 1985 in Bologna, Italy)
- **Rankings (18 Nov):** unranked (singles), 11 (doubles)
- **2024 doubles highlights:** Won Buenos Aires, Halle, Beijing; RU Australian Open, Roland Garros; SF Rio de Janeiro, Indian Wells, Rome; QF Monte Carlo, Madrid, Montreal, Shanghai
- **Davis Cup:** Bolelli has contested only doubles matches in the competition since 2016, winning 8 of the 18 Davis Cup doubles matches he has played in that time. At the Finals group stage in September, winning one of the 3 matches he contested, partnering Vavassori in all 3 matches, defeating Belgium's Gille/Vliegen but falling to Brazil's Matos/Melo and Netherlands' Koolhof/Van de Zandschulp. He will claim sole ownership of 4th place on the list for most Davis Cup ties played by an Italian player if he contests a match this week, ahead of Giorgio de Stefani.

Australia – Team Information

- **AUSTRALIA** are bidding to reach the final for the 3rd consecutive year after finishing as runners-up the last 2 years, and for the 3rd time since 2016. They are making their 5th appearance at the Davis Cup Finals. They defeated USA 2-1 in the quarterfinals on Thursday.
- **At the Finals group stage in September**, Australia defeated France 2-1 and Czechia 3-0 before falling to Spain 2-1 to finish in 2nd place in Group B in Valencia.
- **Last season**, Australia lost to Great Britain but defeated France and Switzerland to finish in 2nd place in Finals Group B in Manchester. At the Final 8 knockout stage in Malaga, they defeated Czechia 2-1 and Finland 2-0 to reach back-to-back Davis Cup finals for the first time since 2000-1 before falling to Italy 2-0. As runners-up in 2023, Australia qualified automatically for the Finals this year.
- 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 is reaching the final in the last 2 seasons.
- By defeating Czechia in the quarterfinals last year, Australia became the **2nd nation to win 200 Davis Cup ties** – after USA (227 Davis Cup ties won). Australia have a total win-loss record of 204-78 in Davis Cup ties.
- If Australia win the title this year, 21 years after their most recent Davis Cup title, it will be the **longest gap between Australia's Davis Cup successes**. Their biggest gap between titles before their current spell was 20 years, between 1919 and 1939.
- Australia are currently ranked No. 2 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**. They are one of only 10 nations (alongside Argentina, Canada, Croatia, Czechia, France, Great Britain, Italy, 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 Australian team since 2016 and has an 20-11 tie win-loss record as captain, including leading the team to the final in 2022 and 2023. As a player, he represented Australia in Davis Cup between 1999 and 2018, was part of the Australian teams that won the title in 1999 and 2003, and had a 59-21 overall match win-loss record. He holds the Australian Davis Cup records for most total match-wins, most singles match-wins and most ties played.

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	6	21	15-8	0-1
Alexei Popyrin	2019	4	7	4-3	0-0
Jordan Thompson	2017	7	14	5-4	5-2
Thanasi Kokkinakis	2014	5	13	8-7	0-0
Matthew Ebden	2012	6	16	4-0	10-3

• [ALEX DE MINAUR](#)

- **Age:** 25 (17 February 1999 in Sydney, Australia)
- **Rankings (18 Nov):** 9 (singles), unranked (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** Won Acapulco, 's-Hertogenbosch; RU Rotterdam; SF United Cup (with Team Australia), Vienna; QF Monte Carlo, Roland Garros, Wimbledon, US Open, Antwerp, Paris; R16 Australian Open, Indian Wells, Miami, Rome
- **Davis Cup:** De Minaur fell to Taylor Fritz in the 2nd match of Australia's 2-1 win against USA in the quarterfinals on Thursday in his first Davis Cup match since the 2023 Finals. He won 4 of the 6 matches he contested in Davis Cup competition in 2023, only falling to Great Britain's Daniel Evans at the Finals group stage in September and to Jannik Sinner in the second match of Australia's defeat to Italy in the final. He has won 15 of the 23 singles matches he has played in the competition since making his debut in 2018, and lost the only doubles match he has contested.

• [ALEXEI POPYRIN](#)

- **Age:** 25 (born 5 August 1999 in Sydney, Australia)
- **Rankings (18 Nov):** 24 (singles), 853T (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** Won Montreal; SF Doha; R16 US Open
- **Davis Cup:** Popyrin has won 2 of the 3 Davis Cup matches he has contested in 2024, falling to France's Ugo Humbert before defeating Czechia's Tomas Machac via retirement and Spain's Pedro Martinez. He has won 4 of the 7 matches he has contested in the Davis Cup overall. On his debut in the 2019 Qualifiers, he defeated Nerman Fatic in Australia's victory against Bosnia and Herzegovina. He also competed at the 2021 Finals, falling to Borna Gojo in Australia's 3-0 defeat to Croatia in Group D in Turin.

• [JORDAN THOMPSON](#)

- **Age:** 30 (born 20 April 1994 in Sydney, Australia)
- **Rankings (18 Nov):** 26 (singles), 3 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** Won Los Cabos; RU Atlanta; SF Brisbane, Queen's; QF Dallas, Delray Beach, Houston, Washington, Paris; R16 US Open
- **2024 doubles highlights:** Won Dallas, Los Cabos, Houston, Madrid, US Open; RU Wimbledon; SF Brisbane, 's-Hertogenbosch, Washington, Paris, ATP Finals
- **Davis Cup:** Thompson has won 10 of the 16 Davis Cup matches he has contested across singles and doubles since his debut in 2017, including partnering Ebden to defeat Tommy Paul/Ben Shelton in the deciding doubles of Australia's 2-1 victory against USA in the quarterfinals on Thursday. Prior to the doubles on Thursday, he had lost both Davis Cup matches he had contested in the last 2 seasons, falling to Czechia's Tomas Machac in the quarterfinals last year and to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta in the Finals Group Stage in September this year.

- **THANASI KOKKINAKIS**
 - **Age:** 28 (born 10 April 1996 in Adelaide, Australia)
 - **Rankings (18 Nov):** 77 (singles), 446 (doubles)
 - **2024 singles highlights:** QF Los Cabos
 - **Davis Cup:** Kokkinakis has won all 3 matches he has contested in Davis Cup competition this year, defeating Shelton in the opening match of Australia's 2-1 win against USA in the quarterfinals on Thursday, and France's Arthur Fils and Czechia's Jakub Mensik in the Finals Group Stage in September. Last year he was nominated for the Australian team at the Final 8 Knockout Stage but withdrew and was replaced by Alexei Popyrin following injury.
- **MATTHEW EBDEN**
 - **Age:** 36 (26 November 1987 in Durban, South Africa)
 - **Rankings (18 Nov):** unranked (singles), 13 (doubles)
 - **2024 doubles highlights:** Won Australian Open, Miami, Paris 2024 Olympics; RU Adelaide, Eastbourne; SF Roland Garros; QF Paris
 - **Davis Cup:** Ebden has won 9 of the last 11 matches he has contested in Davis Cup since returning to the team in 2022 for the first time since 2018. He has won the last 5 matches he has contested in the competition. He partnered Thompson to defeat Paul/Shelton in the deciding doubles of Australia's 2-1 victory against USA in the quarterfinals on Thursday, and won all 4 matches he contested last year, partnering Max Purcell to defeat Great Britain's Dan Evans/Neal Skupski, France's Nicolas Mahut/Edouard Roger-Vasselin and Switzerland's Marc-Andrea Huesler/Dominic Stricker in the Finals Group Stage, before the pair also defeated Czechia's Jiri Lehecka/Adam Pavlasek in the quarterfinals. At the Finals group stage in September this year, the pair defeated France's Pierre-Hugues Herbert/Roger-Vasselin and Czechia's Jakub Mensik/Pavlasek but fell to Spain's Marcel Granollers/Pedro Martinez.