



DAVIS CUP®

# FRANCE v SWITZERLAND



TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER  
AO ARENA, MANCHESTER



— ROAD TO MALAGA —



## TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

The Davis Cup is the World Cup of tennis - with 155 nations from across the globe competing in the largest annual international team competition in sport.

123 years on from its first competition back in 1900, the Davis Cup Finals head to Manchester as one of four venues to host this year's Group Stages - alongside Bologna, Split and Valencia.

The 16 teams competing in the Davis Cup Finals Group Stages qualified in one of three ways - winning a one-off qualifying tie, gaining automatic entry as one of last year's finalists, or receiving one of two wild cards into the tournament.

The four groups are played in a round-robin format, with each team competing against each nation in their group. The two teams that finish the week with the best records in each group will go through to the Davis Cup Final 8 in Malaga from 21-26 November. Here, the top eight teams will battle it out in a knock-out competition until one nation is eventually crowned champion.

The teams who don't reach the final will have to play in a qualifying tie at the start of 2024 against the top nations from the World Group to earn a spot in next year's Finals.

## TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY

FRA	v	SUI
Adrian Mannarino	v	Dominic Stricker
Ugo Humbert	v	Stan Wawrinka
Nicolas Mahut	v	Leandro Riedi
Edouard Roger-Vasselin	v	Alexander Ritschard

PRINCIPAL PARTNERS:



REGIONAL PARTNERS:





# WELCOME FROM THE ITF

On behalf of the ITF, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending Davis Cup Finals Group B in Manchester this week. We thank the LTA for their efforts in hosting, and hope that all those who have travelled from Australia, France and Switzerland enjoy their time in the UK.

There is so much at stake in the men's World Cup of Tennis this week. The top two teams from the four Group Stage events will advance to November's Final 8 in Malaga, where they will compete in a knock-out competition for the right to be crowned world champion.

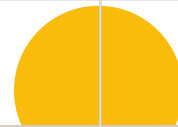
I wish everyone an enjoyable week.

David Haggerty, ITF President



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# WELCOME FROM THE LTA

The LTA is delighted to be hosting this year's Davis Cup finals group stage in Manchester and we offer a warm welcome to everyone this week.

We'll be hoping for British success but we know you will have a fantastic time, whoever you are supporting.

One of our objectives is to take world class tennis to different parts of the country, so it's great to be here in Manchester and feel the energy and buzz of this great city.

Later this year, Great Britain will also take on Sweden as we host the 2023 Billie Jean King Cup Play-Offs in November at the Copper Box Arena in the Olympic Park. Tickets can be bought now via the LTA website.

I'd like to thank our partners at the AO Arena, Manchester City Council, the ITF, the players, officials, volunteers, staff, commercial partners and of course fans who make this event what it is.

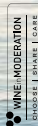
We have a great week ahead and I am sure you will enjoy some amazing tennis.

Scott Lloyd, LTA Chief Executive



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# COMPETITION SCHEDULE

## GROUP STAGE B

**TUESDAY 12TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**FRA** v **SUI**



**WEDNESDAY 13TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**AUS** v **GBR**



**THURSDAY 14TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**AUS** v **FRA**



**FRIDAY 15TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**GBR** v **SUI**



**SATURDAY 16TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**AUS** v **SUI**



**SUNDAY 17TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**GBR** v **FRA**



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## FRANCE TEAM PROFILE

**Ranking:** 11

**Best performance:** 10x Champions  
(1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2017)

**Captain:** Sebastien Grosjean

**Nominated team:**

- Adrian Mannarino (world No.34)
- Ugo Humbert (world No.36)
- Arthur Fils (world No.44)
- Edouard Roger-Vasselin (doubles world No.11)
- Nicolas Mahut (doubles world No.32)

France will be a tough test for every team in Group B as they head to Manchester with all five players ranking inside the singles or doubles top 50.

Earlier this year, the French side came through a tricky qualifier against Hungary – overturning a 2-1 deficit to win the final two singles matches and take the tie 3-2.

Ugo Humbert and Adrian Mannarino have been in good form this season, while 19-year-old Arthur Fils is one to watch for the future, having made an impressive start to life on the ATP Tour.

They have some recent history with fellow members of Group B – Australia – who defeated the French team at this stage last year as they went on to make the final. Similarly, they faced Great Britain in the 2021 Finals, losing 2-1 on the day, so they will have plenty to prove at the AO Arena.



## SWITZERLAND TEAM PROFILE

**Ranking:** 20

**Best performance:** Champions (2014)

**Captain:** Severin Luthi

**Nominated team:**

- Stan Wawrinka (world No.40)
- Dominic Stricker (world No.90)
- Marc-Andrea Huesler (world No.101)
- Leandro Riedi (world No.152)
- Alexander Ritschard (world No.211)

Switzerland caused one of the upsets of the qualifying rounds for this year's Davis Cup Finals as they knocked out fifth ranked team in the world Germany 3-2 in an away tie in February. The team are set to play in the Finals Group Stage for the first time in its tournament's new format.

This year's team will be headed by three-time Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka, who joins forces with Marc-Andrea Huesler and ATP Next Gen star Dominic Stricker. Wawrinka was a key part of the 2014 team – alongside Roger Federer – who made history in winning Switzerland's first ever Davis Cup title.



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Through its Park Tennis Project, the LTA is giving a new lease of life to thousands of tennis courts across Britain.

The Davis Cup is taking place at a time when the LTA is refurbishing thousands of park tennis courts across the country as part of a joint £30million investment by the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation.

The LTA has been working with Manchester City Council and local authorities across Greater Manchester to upgrade facilities and help people pick up a racket and play with £1.7million already invested into 40 parks with tennis courts across Greater Manchester, with more to come.

The project is the biggest investment in parks tennis courts across Britain for a generation, through which the LTA and UK Government want to inspire half a million more people to give tennis a go.

The LTA is also supporting local authorities and providers to ensure that a range of activity is in place across refurbished park courts - so we can open up the sport to people of all backgrounds. This includes free weekly tennis sessions where equipment will be provided, meaning anyone can turn up and play entirely cost free.



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