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AUSTRALIA v GREAT BRITAIN

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
AO ARENA, MANCHESTER



— ROAD TO MALAGA —





THE STORY SO FAR...

It was a perfect start for France on day one of the Davis Cup Finals Group Stages in Manchester - defeating Switzerland 3-0 to take a commanding lead in Group B.

World No.34 Adrian Mannarino got the 10-time former champions underway with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 comeback win over Next Gen ATP Finals star Dominic Stricker, before Ugo Humbert beat three-time Grand Slam champion Stan Wawrinka 6-4, 6-4 to guarantee France victory.

Every match counts towards the overall standings at the Davis Cup Finals and France completed the clean sweep with a dominant doubles win in the final rubber. Edouard Roger-Vasselin and Nicolas Mahut ensured that France are now the team to beat in Group B, capping off an impressive opener with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Marc Andrea Huesler and Wawrinka.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY

 AUS	v	GBR 
Thanasi Kokkinakis	v	Jack Draper
Alex De Minaur	v	Dan Evans
Matthew Ebden	v	Dan Evans
Max Purcell	v	Neal Skupski

PRINCIPAL PARTNERS:



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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.

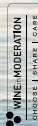
We have a great week ahead and I am sure you will enjoy some amazing tennis.

Scott Lloyd, LTA Chief Executive



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COMPETITION SCHEDULE

GROUP STAGE B

TUESDAY 12TH
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WEDNESDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER



THURSDAY 14TH
SEPTEMBER



FRIDAY 15TH
SEPTEMBER



SATURDAY 16TH
SEPTEMBER



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AUSTRALIA TEAM PROFILE

Ranking: 3

Best performance: 28x Champions

(1907, 1908, 1909, 1911, 1914, 1919, 1939, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1973, 1977, 1983, 1986, 1999, 2003)

Captain: Lleyton Hewitt

Nominated team:

- Alex de Minaur (world No.12)
- Max Purcell (world No.43)
- Jordan Thompson (world No.55)
- Thanasi Kokkinakis (world No.74)
- Matthew Ebden (doubles world No.8)

Last season's runners-up and the second most decorated team in Davis Cup history – Australia come into the Davis Cup Finals as one of the teams to beat.

In 2022, the Australians qualified from Group C, before defeating Netherlands and Croatia en route to the final. They eventually finished runners-up to Canada, but by reaching the final, they automatically gained qualification to this year's Group Stage.

Australia head to Manchester with a strong team – led by world No.12 and last month's National Bank Open runner-up Alex de Minaur – and will be looking to go one step further this year and lift their 29th team title.



GREAT BRITAIN TEAM PROFILE

Ranking: 7

Best performance: 10x Champions

(1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1912, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 2015)

Captain: Leon Smith

Nominated team:

- Cam Norrie (world No.17)
- Dan Evans (world No.27)
- Andy Murray (world No.41)
- Jack Draper (world No.106)
- Neal Skupski (doubles world No.3)

Great Britain come into the Davis Cup Finals in Manchester off the back of an impressive 3-1 win over Colombia back in April. Lexus GB Davis Cup Team Captain and LTA Head of Men's Tennis Leon Smith has selected a team balanced with experienced champions and rising stars as they bid to reach the knockout stage in Malaga in November.

Two members of the 2015 title-winning team, Dan Evans and Andy Murray join a star-studded line-up, alongside British No.1 Cam Norrie and doubles world No.3 Neal Skupski. 21-year-old Jack Draper comes in as the fifth member of the squad fresh off the back of a career-best fourth round at the US Open – giving Smith a range of options to choose from across the three ties.



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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.

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