



# DAVIS CUP®

## AUSTRALIA v FRANCE

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER  
AO ARENA, MANCHESTER

— ROAD TO MALAGA —



### THE STORY SO FAR...

After two days of action at Manchester's AO Arena, France and Great Britain top Group B thanks to impressive wins against Switzerland and Australia.

Group leaders France got the week underway with a 3-0 victory over 2014 champions Switzerland. Adrian Mannarino and Ugo Humbert wrapped up the tie with back-to-back singles wins over Dominic Stricker and Stan Wawrinka, before experienced doubles duo Eduoard Roger-Vasselin and Nicola Pietrangeli completed the clean sweep.

Jack Draper and Dan Evans led Great Britain to a 2-1 victory against 2022 runners-up Australia to kick-start their campaign with a win.

Making his Davis Cup debut for the Brits, Draper came from a set down to beat Thanasi Kokkinakis 6-7(6), 6-3, 7-6(4) in almost three hours. Then it was over to Evans, who clinched his best career Davis Cup victory over world No.12 Alex De Minaur 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

Australia secured a lifeline in the final doubles rubber as Matthew Ebden and Max Purcell defeated Evans and Neal Skupski 7-6(5), 6-4. They will need to beat France today if they want to keep their qualification hopes alive.

### TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY

 AUS	v	FRA 
Max Purcell	v	Adrian Mannarino
Alex De Minaur	v	Ugo Humbert
Matthew Ebden	v	Nicolas Mahut
Max Purcell	v	Eduoard Roger-Vasselin

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.

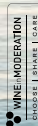
We have a great week ahead and I am sure you will enjoy some amazing tennis.

Scott Lloyd, LTA Chief Executive



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# COMPETITION SCHEDULE

## GROUP STAGE B

**TUESDAY 12TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**WEDNESDAY 13TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**THURSDAY 14TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**FRIDAY 15TH**  
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**SATURDAY 16TH**  
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**SUNDAY 17TH**  
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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.



## 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.



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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.

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