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AUSTRALIA v SWITZERLAND



SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
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— ROAD TO MALAGA —

THE STORY SO FAR...

It's heating up in Group B at the Davis Cup Finals in Manchester, with Great Britain, France, Australia and Switzerland all preparing to battle one last time in a bid to reach the Final 8 in Malaga.

Heading into the final weekend the host nation are currently in the driving seat with Great Britain having won their first two ties.

After losing their opening tie against the Brits, Australia bit back with a 2-1 triumph over France on Thursday. World No.12 Alex de Minaur defeated Ugo Humbert, while 2022 Wimbledon men's doubles champions Matthew Ebden and Max Purcell joined forces to take down Nicolas Mahut and Edouard Roger-Vasselin to etch a vital win for the Aussies.

Friday's action saw Great Britain go toe-to-toe with 2014 champions Switzerland, with Andy Murray recording a 42nd victory for his country in a comeback win over Leandro Reidi before doubles duo Dan Evans and Neal Skupski sealed the tie for the Brits in a doubles decider against Stan Wawrinka and Dominic Stricker.

A win for Australia over Switzerland could be enough to see them through. A victory for the Swiss and Great Britain will be into the Final 8 before playing their final with France.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY

AUS	v	SUI
Thanasi Kokkinakis	v	Dominic Stricker
Alex de Minaur	v	Marc-Andrea Huesler
Matthew Ebden	v	Marc-Andrea Huesler
Max Purcell	v	Dominic Stricker

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.

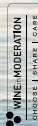
We have a great week ahead and I am sure you will enjoy some amazing tennis.

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



SUNDAY 17TH
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.

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 Dominc 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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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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