

DAVIS CUP FINALS 2025

18 NOVEMBER – QUARTERFINAL PREVIEW NOTES

Bologna Fiere, Bologna, Italy

1600 CET/1500 GMT

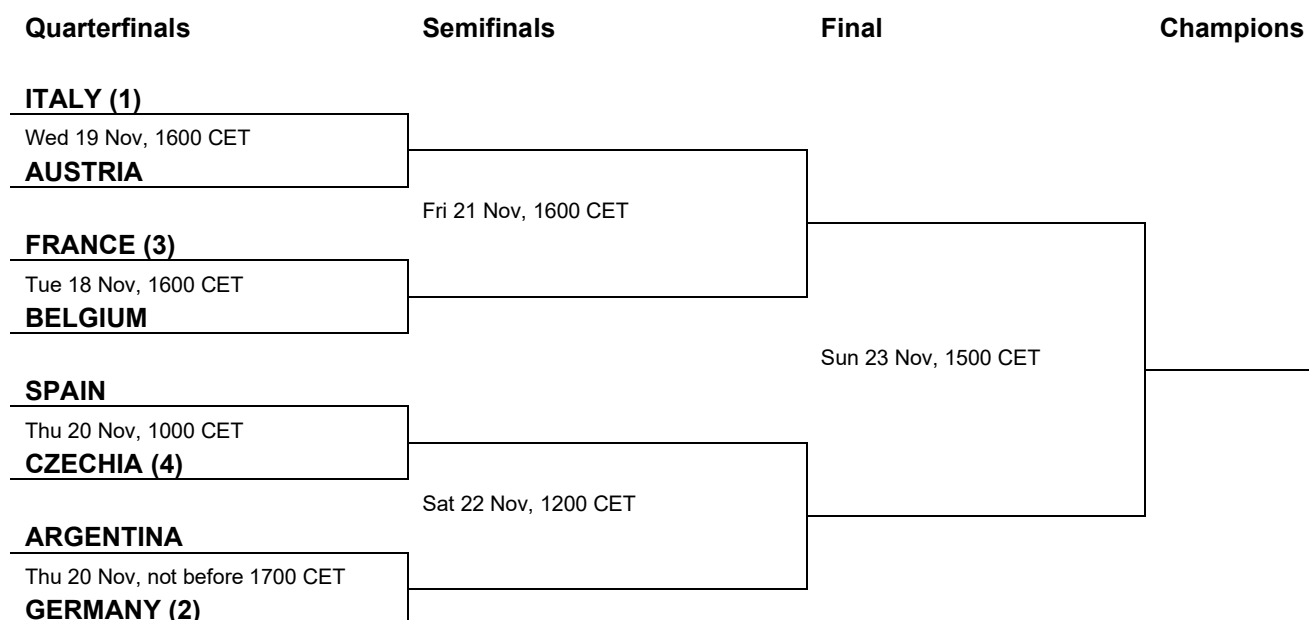
France v Belgium

Pages 2-8

On court today:

- France have reached the quarterfinals for the first time since 2018 when they eventually finished as runners-up to Croatia. They defeated Brazil 4-0 in the Qualifiers 1st Round and Croatia 3-1 in the Qualifiers 2nd Round in the first meeting between the two nations since the 2018 final. They are bidding to win their first title since 2017 and 11th overall, which would see them overtake Great Britain to stand alone in 3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup titles behind USA and Australia. Ugo Humbert returns to the squad after missing the Qualifiers 2nd Round with injury, while Arthur Rinderknech, Benjamin Bonzi and Pierre-Hugues Herbert return after leading France to victory over Croatia in September. Herbert was part of the team that won France's last title in 2017, defeating Belgium in the final.
- Belgium have also reached the quarterfinals for the first time since 2018. They defeated Chile 3-1 in the Qualifiers 1st Round and upset Australia 3-2 in Sydney in the Qualifiers 2nd Round. They are bidding to reach the semifinals for the first time since 2017, when they eventually equalled their best Davis Cup result by finishing as runners-up, falling to France in the final. Belgium are one of 3 nations to reach the Davis Cup final 3 times without a title, alongside India and Romania. Should they win their first title this year they would become the 17th nation to win the competition and the 7th first-time champion since 2000. Zizou Bergs, Raphael Collignon, Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen all return after competing in Sydney, while Alexander Blockx is in the team again after missing the Qualifiers 2nd Round with injury.

Final 8



FRANCE v BELGIUM

BOLOGNA – 1600 CET/1500 GMT

Head-to-head: [France lead 6-3](#)

1904	Final	Grass (O)	London (GBR)	Belgium d. France 3-2
1919	Semifinals	Unknown	Brussels (BEL)	France d. Belgium 3-0
1952	Europe semifinals	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	Belgium d. France 3-2
1975	Europe Zone B qualifying round	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	France d. Belgium 4-1
1997	World Group qualifying round	Clay (I)	Ghent (BEL)	Belgium d. France 3-2
1999	Semifinals	Carpet (I)	Pau (FRA)	France d. Belgium 4-1
2001	World Group first round	Clay (I)	Ghent (BEL)	France d. Belgium 5-0
2017	Final	Hard (I)	Villeneuve-d'Ascq (FRA)	France d. Belgium 3-2
2022	Finals Group C	Hard (I)	Hamburg (GER)	France d. Belgium 2-1

A 10th Davis Cup meeting for France and Belgium. The two nations first met 121 years ago in 1904 in just the 4th edition of the event. It was a debut year for both nations after the first 3 editions in 1900, 1902 and 1903 were contested exclusively by the United States and the British Isles. Belgium defeated France 3-2 in the first Davis Cup tie contested by either nation, earning the right to face British Isles in the Challenge Round.

After Belgium won 3 of the first 5 ties between 1904 and 1997, France have since won their last 4 meetings, including in the 2017 Final, when France won 3-2 to claim their 10th and most recent title in Belgium's 3rd and most recent final appearance after also finishing as runners-up in 1904 and 2015. France also won their only encounter since 2017, downing Belgium 2-1 at the 2022 Finals group stage in Hamburg. France leads the head-to-head 6-3 and this is a 3rd meeting between the 2 nations on neutral ground after 1904 and 2022, their 2nd in a best-of-three match tie after 2022 and 3rd on indoor hard courts after the 2017 Final and 2022.

FRANCE	v	BELGIUM
6	Davis Cup Nations Ranking	11
Champions 10 times (1927-32, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2017)	Best Davis Cup Result	Runners-up 1904, 2015, 2017
1904	First Year Played	1904
105	Seasons Played	102
276	Ties Played	208
179-97	Ties Win-Loss	106-102

Route to the quarterfinals

FRANCE	Round	BELGIUM
France defeated Brazil 4-0 Ugo Humbert (FRA) d. Joao Fonseca (BRA) 7-5 6-3 Arthur Fils (FRA) d. Thiago Seyboth Wild (BRA) 6-1 6-4 Benjamin Bonzi/Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) d. Rafael Matos/Marcelo Melo (BRA) 4-6 6-3 6-4 Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard (FRA) d. Matheus Pucinelli de Almeida (BRA) 6-4 6-4 <i>Arthur Fils (FRA) v Joao Fonseca (BRA) – not played</i>	Qualifiers 1st Round	Belgium defeated Chile 3-1 Zizou Bergs (BEL) d. Tomas Barrios Vera (CHI) 6-4 6-3 Cristian Garin (CHI) d. Alexander Blockx (BEL) 7-6(6) 6-1 Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen (BEL) d. Tomas Barrios Vera/Nicolas Jarry (CHI) 6-3 3-6 6-3 Zizou Bergs (BEL) d. Cristian Garin (CHI) 6-3 4-6 7-5 <i>Alexander Blockx (BEL) v Tomas Barrios Vera (CHI) – not played</i>
France defeated Croatia 3-1 Corentin Moutet (FRA) d. Dino Prizmic (CRO) 6-4 5-7 6-1 Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) d. Marin Cilic (CRO) 6-2 6-4 Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic (CRO) d. Benjamin Bonzi/Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) 6-3 7-5 Corentin Moutet (FRA) d. Marin Cilic (CRO) 7-5 6-4 <i>Dino Prizmic (CRO) v Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) – not played</i>	Qualifiers 2nd Round	Belgium defeated Australia 3-2 Raphael Collignon (BEL) d. Alex de Minaur (AUS) 7-5 3-6 6-3 Zizou Bergs (BEL) d. Jordan Thompson (AUS) 7-6(4) 6-4 Rinky Hijikata/Jordan Thompson (AUS) d. Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen (BEL) 6-7(7) 6-3 6-4 Alex de Minaur (AUS) d. Zizou Bergs (BEL) 6-2 7-5 Raphael Collignon (BEL) d. Aleksandar Vukic (AUS) 7-6(5) 2-6 6-3

Possible semifinal head-to-heads

	ITALY	AUSTRIA
FRANCE	6-5	8-0
BELGIUM	4-6	0-5

France – Team Information

- **FRANCE** are bidding to reach the semifinals for the first time since 2018. They are making their 6th appearance at the Davis Cup Finals and their first appearance in the quarterfinals since 2018.
- **In the Qualifiers 2nd Round**, France defeated Croatia 3-1 in Osijek to advance to the Final 8 in Bologna. Davis Cup debutant Corentin Moutet won both singles matches he contested, including defeating Marin Cilic to seal victory in the tie and send France to the Final 8.
- **Last season**, France defeated Chinese Taipei 4-0 in the Qualifiers before finishing in 3rd place in Finals Group B in Valencia, where they fell to Australia 1-2 and Spain 1-2 before defeating Czechia 2-1.
- **In the Qualifiers 1st Round**, France defeated Brazil 4-0 in Orleans to advance to the Qualifiers 2nd Round. It was their first home tie since defeating Ecuador 4-0 in the 2022 Qualifiers.
- France have **won the Davis Cup title on 10 previous occasions** – most recently in 2017, when they defeated Belgium in Lille. They have finished runner-up on 9 occasions, including in 2014 (l. Switzerland) and 2018 (l. Croatia).
- France are bidding to win their 11th Davis Cup title this year and claim sole ownership of **3rd place on the list for most Davis Cup titles**, ahead of Great Britain. They equalled Great Britain in 3rd place on the list after winning their 10th title in 2017.
- France are currently ranked at No. 6 in the **Davis Cup Nations Rankings**. They are one of 10 nations to have held the No. 1 ranking, alongside Argentina, Australia, Canada, Croatia, Czechia, Italy, Great Britain, Russia and Spain. They first reached the No. 1 ranking in February 2002 and most recently held the No. 1 ranking uninterrupted for over 4 years, from November 2017 to December 2021.
- **Captain Paul-Henri Mathieu** has led the French team since the start of 2024 and has a 4-2 win-loss record as captain. As a player, he represented France in Davis Cup between 2002 and 2008 and had a 4-8 overall match win-loss record. He was part of the French team that finished runner-up in 2002, falling to Russia 2-3 in the final.

France – Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a French player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Pierre Darmon	47-21
2.	Henri Cochet	44-14
3.	Francois Jauffret	43-27
4.	Henri Leconte	41-25
5.	Rene Lacoste	40-11

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a French player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Pierre Darmon	44-17
2=	Henri Cochet	34-8
	Francois Jauffret	34-17
4.	Rene Lacoste	32-8
5.	Robert Haillet	29-13

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a French player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Jacques Brugnon	22-9
2.	Guy Forget	21-4
3.	Michael Llodra	20-8
4.	Paul Remy	18-6
5=	Jean Borotra	17-6
	Henri Leconte	17-5
	Nicolas Mahut	17-7

Most Davis Cup ties played by a French player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Francois Jauffret	36
2.	Pierre Darmon	34
3.	Jean Borotra	32
4.	Jacques Brugnon	31
5=	Henri Leconte Michael Llodra	28 28

France – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Arthur Rinderknech	2021	5	8	2-2	3-3
Corentin Moutet	2025	1	1	2-0	0-0
Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard	2025	1	1	1-0	0-0
Benjamin Bonzi	2022	3	7	1-4	1-1
Pierre-Hugues Herbert	2016	8	17	0-1	14-3

[ARTHUR RINDERKNECH](#)

- **Age:** 30 (born 23 July 1995 in Gassin, France)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 29 (singles), 323 (doubles)
- **2025 singles highlights:** RU Shanghai-1000; SF Kitzbuhel; QF Queen's; R16 US Open
- **Davis Cup:** Rinderknech won the only match he has contested in the competition in 2025, defeating Marin Cili in France's 3-1 victory against Croatia in the Qualifiers 2nd Round. He has a 5-5 overall win-loss record across singles and doubles in the competition since making his debut at the 2021 Finals.

[CORENTIN MOUTET](#)

- **Age:** 26 (born 19 April 1999 in Paris, France)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 35 (singles), 564= (doubles)
- **2025 singles highlights:** RU Mallorca, Almaty; SF Washington, Hangzhou; QF Vienna; R16 Rome-1000
- **Davis Cup:** Moutet made his Davis Cup debut in the Qualifiers 2nd Round earlier this year, defeating Dino Prizmic and Marin Cilic in France's 3-1 victory against Croatia.

[GIOVANNI MPETSHI PERRICARD](#)

- **Age:** 25 (born 8 July 2003 in Lyon, France)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 59 (singles), 249 (doubles)
- **2025 singles highlights:** SF Brisbane, Winston-Salem, Brussels; R16 Shanghai-1000
- **2025 doubles highlights:** SF Brisbane
- **Davis Cup:** Mpetshi Perricard made his Davis Cup debut in the Qualifiers 1st Round earlier this year but is yet to contest a live match in the competition. He defeated Matheus Pucinelli de Almeida in the 4th match of France's 4-0 victory against Brazil after the tie had already been decided. He was nominated for the Qualifiers 2nd Round tie against Croatia in September but did not contest a match in the tie.

[BENJAMIN BONZI](#)

- **Age:** 29 (born 9 June 1996 in Nimes, France)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 96 (singles), 156 (doubles)
- **2025 singles highlights:** QF Adelaide, Brussels; R16 Cincinnati-1000
- **2025 doubles highlights:** Won Marseille; SF Beijing, Brussels
- **Davis Cup:** Bonzi has won one of the 2 matches he has contested in the competition in 2025, partnering Pierre-Hugues Herbert in both, with the pair defeating Rafael Matos/Marcelo Melo in France's 4-0 victory against Brazil in the Qualifiers 1st Round but falling to Nikola Mektic/Mate Pavic in France's 3-1 victory against Croatia in the Qualifiers 2nd Round. He has a 2-5 overall win-loss record across singles and doubles in the competition, with his only other win coming against Ecuador's Antonio Cayetano March on his Davis Cup debut at the 2022 Qualifiers.

- **PIERRE-HUGUES HERBERT**

- **Age:** 34 (born 18 March 1991 in Schiltigheim, France)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 154 (singles), 65 (doubles)
- **2025 doubles highlights:** Won Marseille, Metz; SF Brussels, Paris-1000
- **Davis Cup:** Herbert has won 14 of the 17 Davis Cup doubles matches he has played, including partnering Bonzi to defeat Matos/Melo in the doubles match of France's 4-0 victory against Brazil in the Qualifiers 1st Round in January before the pair fell to Mektic/Pavic in France's 3-1 victory against Croatia in the Qualifiers 2nd Round in September. He was a member of the team which won France's 10th and most recent title in 2017, partnering Richard Gasquet to victory against Belgium's Ruben Bemelmans/Joris De Loore in the doubles match. He was also part of the France team that finished as runners-up to Croatia in 2018, partnering Nicolas Mahut to victory against Ivan Dodig/Pavic in the doubles match. He will equal Jean Borotra, Henri Leconte and Nicolas Mahut in 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a French player if he wins 3 doubles matches this week.

Belgium – Team Information

- **BELGIUM** are bidding to reach the semifinals for the first time since 2017. They are making their 4th appearance at the Davis Cup Finals, and their first appearance in the quarterfinals since 2018.
- **In the Qualifiers 2nd Round**, Belgium defeated Australia 3-2 in Sydney to advance to the Final 8 in Bologna. Raphael Collignon and Zizou Bergs defeated Alex de Minaur and Jordan Thompson respectively to put Belgium 2-0 up after day one before Rinky Hijikata and Thompson defeated Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen and De Minaur defeated Bergs to level the tie at 2-2. Collignon defeated Aleksandar Vukic in the deciding 5th match to send Belgium to the Final 8.
- **Last season**, Belgium defeated Croatia 3-1 in the Qualifiers to advance to the Finals Group Stage. They won one of the 3 ties they contested in Finals Group A in Bologna – defeating Netherlands 2-1 but falling to Italy 1-2 and Brazil 1-2 – and did not advance to the Final 8 Knockout Stage.
- **In the Qualifiers 1st Round**, Belgium defeated Chile 3-1 in Hasselt to advance to the Qualifiers 2nd Round.
- Having finished runner-up in 1904 (l. British Isles), 2015 (l. Great Britain) and 2017 (l. France), Belgium jointly hold the record for **most appearances in the Davis Cup final without ever having won the title**, alongside India and Romania.
- Belgium are currently ranked at No. 11 in the **Davis Cup Nations Rankings**. Their highest ranking is No. 3, which they reached for the first time in November 2017.
- **Captain Steve Darcis** has led the Belgian team since their 2023 World Group I tie against Uzbekistan and has a 5-2 win-loss record as captain. As a player, he represented Belgium in Davis Cup between 2005 and 2019, had a 24-19 overall match win-loss record and was part of the Belgian teams that finished runner-up in 2015 and 2017, playing at least one match at every stage of the World Group draw in both seasons. He is in 4th place on the list for most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Belgian player and is in joint-4th place on the list for most ties played by a Belgian player.

Belgium – Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by a Belgian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Jacques Brichant	71-49
2.	Philippe Washer	66-36
3.	Andre Lacroix	35-25
4.	David Goffin	29-10
5.	Patrick Hombergen	26-31

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by a Belgian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Jacques Brichant	52-27
2.	Philippe Washer	46-18
3.	David Goffin	29-6
4.	Steve Darcis	23-12
5.	Andre Lacroix	21-19

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Belgian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Philippe Washer	20-18
2.	Jacques Brichant	19-22
3=	Leopold de Borman	14-5
	Andre Lacroix	14-6
5.	Patrick Hombergen	11-7

Most Davis Cup ties played by a Belgian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Jacques Brichant	42
2.	Philippe Washer	39

3.	Olivier Rochus	30
4=	Steve Darcis Andre Lacroix	25 25

Belgium – Player Information

Player	DC debut year	DC seasons played	DC ties played	DC singles win-loss	DC doubles win-loss
Zizou Bergs	2021	5	11	9-7	0-0
Raphael Collignon	2024	2	3	2-2	0-0
Alexander Blockx	2024	2	2	0-2	0-0
Sander Gille	2018	7	18	0-0	9-9
Joran Vliegen	2018	7	17	0-0	9-8

ZIZOU BERGS

- **Age:** 26 (born 3 June 1999 in Lommel, Belgium)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 43 (singles), 889= (doubles)
- **2025 singles highlights:** RU Auckland, 's-Hertogenbosch; SF Marseille; QF Munich, Shanghai-1000
- **Davis Cup:** After winning just one of the first 5 matches he contested in Davis Cup, Bergs has won 8 of the last 11 Davis Cup matches he has contested in the competition, including 3 of the 4 matches he has contested in 2025. He defeated Tomas Barrios Vera and Cristian Garin in Belgium's 3-1 victory against Chile in the Qualifiers 1st Round and defeated Jordan Thompson before falling to Alex de Minaur in Belgium's 3-2 victory against Australia in the Qualifiers 2nd Round to bring his win-loss record since making his competition debut in 2021 to 9-7, only ever competing in singles.

RAPHAEL COLLIGNON

- **Age:** 23 (born 13 January 2022 in Rochester, MN, USA)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 85 (singles), 532 (doubles)
- **2025 singles highlights:** SF Brussels
- **Davis Cup:** Collignon made his Davis Cup debut at the Finals Group Stage last year, falling to Netherlands' Botic van de Zandschulp and Brazil's Joao Fonseca in the only 2 matches he contested. He was nominated for the Qualifiers 1st Round tie against Chile in February but did not contest a match before winning both matches he contested in Belgium's 3-2 victory against Australia in the Qualifiers 2nd Round, defeating Alex de Minaur in the first match and Aleksandar Vukic in the 5th match to seal victory in the tie.

ALEXANDER BLOCKX

- **Age:** 20 (born 8 April 2005 in Antwerp, Belgium)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 116 (singles), 465 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup:** Blockx has lost both matches he has contested in the competition since making his debut at the Finals Group Stage last year, falling to Matteo Berrettini at the 2024 Finals Group Stage and falling to Garin in Belgium's 3-1 victory against Chile in the Qualifiers 1st Round in February. He was initially nominated in the Belgian team to face Australia in the Qualifiers 2nd Round before withdrawing due to injury and being replaced by Kimmer Coppejans.

SANDER GILLE

- **Age:** 34 (born 15 January 1991 in Hasselt, Belgium)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** unranked (singles), 49 (doubles)
- **2025 doubles highlights:** RU Rotterdam, Marseille; SF Munich, Athens; QF Madrid-1000
- **Davis Cup:** Gille will equal Patrick Hombbergen in 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Belgian player if he wins 2 doubles matches this week. He has won 9 of the 18 Davis Cup matches he has contested, 17 of which have come alongside Vliegen. The pair have won 4 of the 6 matches they have contested since the start of 2024, including winning one of the 2 matches they have contested in 2025. They defeated Barrios Vera/Nicolas Jarry in Belgium's 3-1 victory against Chile in the Qualifiers 1st Round before falling to Rinky Hijikata/Thompson in Belgium's 3-2 victory against Australia in the Qualifiers 2nd Round. He has played only one Davis Cup match with a different partner – when he and David Goffin fell to Harri Heliövaara/Emil Ruusuvuori in doubles during Belgium's victory over Finland in the 2022 Qualifiers.

- **JORAN VLIEGEN**

- **Age:** 32 (born 7 July 1993 in Maaseik, Belgium)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** unranked (singles), 66 (doubles)
- **2025 doubles highlights:** RU Geneva, Eastbourne; SF Hong Kong, 's-Hertogenbosch; QF Adelaide, Monte Carlo-1000
- **Davis Cup:** Vliegen will equal Patrick Hombergen in 5th place on the list for most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by a Belgian player if he wins 2 doubles matches this week. He has won 9 of the 17 Davis Cup matches he has contested, all of which have come alongside Gille. The pair have won 4 of the 6 matches they have contested since the start of 2024, including winning one of the 2 matches they have contested in 2025. They defeated Barrios Vera/Jarry in Belgium's 3-1 victory against Chile in the Qualifiers 1st Round before falling to Hijikata/Thompson in Belgium's 3-2 victory against Australia in the Qualifiers 2nd Round.