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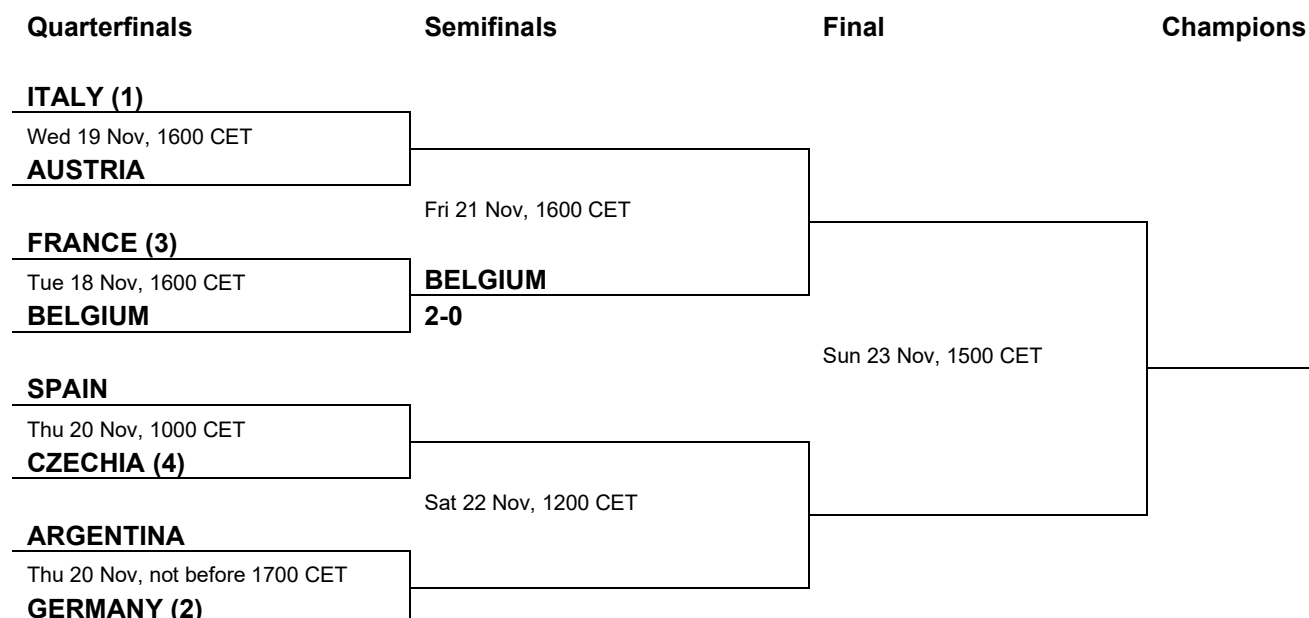
Italy v Austria

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On court today:

- Italy are making their 5th consecutive appearance in the quarterfinals as they bid to win a 3rd consecutive Davis Cup title. Should they successfully defend their title again they would become the first nation to win 3 consecutive Davis Cup titles since the Challenge Round was abolished following the 1971 event. Italy would also claim sole ownership of 7th place on the list for most Davis Cup titles with 4 after titles in 1976, 2023 and 2024. Matteo Berrettini, Andrea Vavassori and Simone Bolelli return after taking Italy to the title in 2024, while Flavio Cobolli is nominated for the first time since his debut at the 2024 Finals Group Stage and Lorenzo Sonego returns for the first time since Italy won their 2nd title in 2023.
- Austria have reached the quarterfinals for the first time since 2012 and should they win today would equal their best ever Davis Cup result. They achieved that result in 1990, defeating Italy in the quarterfinals before coming within one set of reaching the final but eventually losing to USA 3-2. That meeting with Italy in 1990 is the last time the 2 nations met and represents Austria's only victory over the hosts in the competition. Austria defeated Finland 4-0 in the Qualifiers 1st Round and Hungary 3-2 in the Qualifiers 2nd Round, with the team boasting the same line-up from those 2 ties of Filip Misolic, Jurij Rodionov, Lukas Neumayer, Lucas Miedler and Alexander Erlar.

Final 8



ITALY v AUSTRIA

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Head-to-head: [Italy lead 5-1](#)

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|------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1930 | Europe quarterfinals | Unknown | Vienna (AUT) | Italy d. Austria 3-2 |
| 1933 | Europe second round | Clay (O) | Genoa (ITA) | Italy d. Austria 4-1 |
| 1967 | Europe Zone B first round | Clay (O) | Verona (ITA) | Italy d. Austria 5-0 |
| 1969 | Europe Zone B quarterfinals | Clay (O) | Barletta (ITA) | Italy d. Austria 5-0 |
| 1972 | Europe Zone A first round | Clay (O) | Reggio Calabria (ITA) | Italy d. Austria 5-0 |
| 1990 | Quarterfinals | Clay (I) | Vienna (AUT) | Austria d. Italy 5-0 |

A 7th Davis Cup meeting for Italy and Austria but their first for 35 years. Between 1930 and 1972, Italy won the first 5 meetings between the two nations, including 5-0 wins in 1967, 1969 and 1972. Austria claimed their first and to date only win over Italy in their most recent meeting, winning 5-0 in the 1990 World Group quarterfinals in Vienna en route to record what remains their best result in the competition of reaching the semifinals. This is Austria's 2nd appearance in the quarterfinals since that 1990 meeting, after reaching the last 8 of the World Group in 2012.

Italy leads the head-to-head 5-1 and this is a first meeting between the two nations in a best-of-three match tie and a first meeting on indoor hard courts.

| ITALY | v | AUSTRIA |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Davis Cup Nations Ranking | 12 |
| Champions 3 times (1976, 2023, 2024) | Best Davis Cup Result | Semifinals 1990 |
| 1922 | First Year Played | 1905 |
| 94 | Seasons Played (inc. 2025) | 90 |
| 275 | Ties Played | 171 |
| 183-92 | Ties Win-Loss | 82-89 |

Route to the quarterfinals

| ITALY | Round | AUSTRIA |
|--|----------------------------|--|
| As hosts, Italy qualified automatically for the 2025 Finals. | Qualifiers 1st Round | Austria defeated Finland 4-0 Lukas Neumayer (AUT) d. Otto Virtanen (FIN) 6-4 6-7(4) 6-3 Jurij Rodionov (AUT) d. Eero Vasa (FIN) 2-6 6-3 6-3 Alexander Erler/Lucas Miedler (AUT) d. Patrick Kaukovalta/Patrik Niklas-Salminen (FIN) 4-6 7-6(7) 7-6(6) Filip Misolic (AUT) d. Eero Vasa (FIN) 6-4 6-0 <i>Lukas Neumayer (AUT) v Eero Vasa (FIN) – not played</i> |
| | Qualifiers 2nd Round | Austria defeated Hungary 3-2 Jurij Rodionov (AUT) d. Fabian Marozsan (HUN) 6-2 6-7(5) 7-5 Lukas Neumayer (AUT) d. Marton Fucsovics (HUN) 6-3 3-6 7-6(7) Fabian Marozsan/Zsombor Piros (HUN) d. Alexander Erler/Lucas Miedler (AUT) 7-6(4) 7-6(2) Zsombor Piros (HUN) d. Lukas Neumayer (AUT) 7-5 7-6(6) Jurij Rodionov (AUT) d. Marton Fucsovics (HUN) 6-2 6-1 |

Possible semifinal head-to-heads

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

Italy – Team Information

- **ITALY** are bidding to reach the semifinals for the 4th consecutive year. They are making their 6th appearance at the Davis Cup Finals and their 5th consecutive appearance in the quarterfinals.
- Italy are bidding to win a **3rd consecutive Davis Cup title** and become the first nation to win 3 consecutive Davis Cup titles since the Challenge Round was abolished following the 1971 event. By winning the title last year they became the first nation to successfully defend a Davis Cup title since Czechia in 2012-13 and the 7th nation to do so since the Challenge Round was abolished, after USA (1978-9 and 1981-2), Sweden (1984-5 and 1997-8), Germany (1988-9 as Germany, F.R.), Spain (2008-9) and Czechia (2012-13).
- Italy are bidding to extend an **11-tie winning streak**. They have not lost a tie since falling to Canada 0-3 in the Finals Group Stage in 2023.
- **Last season**, Italy won their 3rd Davis Cup title. As 2023 champions they qualified automatically for the Finals group stage, where they defeated Brazil 2-1, Belgium 2-1 and Netherlands 2-1 to finish first in Group A, then defeated Argentina 2-1 in the quarterfinals, Australia 2-0 in the semifinals and Netherlands 2-0 in the final. As hosts, Italy automatically qualified for the Finals this year.
- Italy have won **3 Davis Cup titles**, in 1976, defeating Chile in the final, in 2023, defeating Australia in the final and last year. They have finished as runners-up on 6 further occasions – most recently in 1998, when they fell to Sweden.
- Italy's Nicola Pietrangeli is the **leading all-time Davis Cup player**. He holds the record for playing the most matches (164), as well as the records for the most wins in singles (78-32) and is in 3rd place for the most wins in doubles (42-12). He also forms half of the most successful doubles partnership with Orlando Sirola (34-8).
- Italy are currently ranked No. 1 on the **Davis Cup Nations Ranking**, reaching the top ranking after winning the competition in November 2023. They are the 10th nation (alongside Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Czechia, France, Great Britain, Russia, Spain and Canada) to have been ranked No. 1 since the Davis Cup Nations Ranking was introduced.
- **Captain Filippo Volandri** has led the Italian team since 2021 and has an 18-3 tie win-loss record as captain, including leading Italy to the title in 2023 and 2024. He is bidding to become the 6th captain since the abolition of the Challenge Round in 1972 to win the Davis Cup title on 3 or more occasions, after Neale Fraser and Niki Pilic (both 4) and Yannick Noah, Hans Olsson and Shamil Tarpishev (all 3). He is one of 11 captains to have won the Davis Cup title on multiple occasions since 1972, after Fraser, Pilic, Noah, Olsson, Tarpishev and Arthur Ashe, Albert Costa, Tom Gorman, Carl-Axel Hageskog and Tony Trabert (all 2). As a player, he represented Italy in Davis Cup between 2001 and 2010 and had a 10-7 overall match win-loss record.

Italy – Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by an Italian player

| Rank | Player | Win-loss |
|------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | Nicola Pietrangeli | 120-44 |
| 2. | Adriano Panatta | 64-36 |
| 3. | Orlando Sirola | 57-33 |
| 4. | Uberto de Morpurgo | 55-24 |
| 5. | Giorgio de Stefani | 44-22 |

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by an Italian player

| Rank | Player | Win-loss |
|------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | Nicola Pietrangeli | 78-32 |
| 2. | Giorgio de Stefani | 41-21 |
| 3= | Corrado Barazzutti | 39-21 |
| | Uberto de Morpurgo | 39-14 |
| 5. | Adriano Panatta | 37-26 |

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by an Italian player

| Rank | Player | Win-loss |
|------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | Nicola Pietrangeli | 42-12 |
| 2. | Orlando Sirola | 35-8 |
| 3. | Adriano Panatta | 27-10 |
| 4. | Paolo Bertolucci | 22-8 |
| 5. | Giovanni Cucelli | 21-6 |

Most Davis Cup ties played by an Italian player

| Rank | Player | Ties played |
|------|---|-----------------|
| 1. | Nicola Pietrangeli | 66 |
| 2. | Orlando Sirola | 46 |
| 3. | Adriano Panatta | 38 |
| 4= | Simone Bolelli Giorgio de Stefani | 34 34 |

Italy – Player Information

| Player | DC debut year | DC seasons played | DC ties played | DC singles win-loss | DC doubles win-loss |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Flavio Cobolli | 2024 | 1 | 2 | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Lorenzo Sonego | 2021 | 3 | 11 | 6-3 | 3-0 |
| Matteo Berrettini | 2019 | 3 | 13 | 9-2 | 2-2 |
| Andrea Vavassori | 2024 | 1 | 3 | 0-0 | 1-2 |
| Simone Bolelli | 2007 | 17 | 34 | 7-9 | 17-13 |

• [FLAVIO COBOLLI](#)

- **Age:** 23 (born 6 May 2002 in Florence, Italy)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 22 (singles), 297 (doubles)
- **2025 singles highlights:** Won Bucharest, Hamburg; QF Halle, Wimbledon, Almaty; R16 Toronto-1000
- **Davis Cup:** Cobolli will make his first appearance in the competition since his debut at the 2024 Finals Group Stage if he contests a match this week. At the Finals Group stage last year, he won one of the 2 matches he contested, falling to Belgium's Zizou Bergs but defeating Netherlands' Tallon Griekspoor. He was not part of the team that competed in the 2024 Final 8 and won Italy's 3rd title.

• [LORENZO SONEGO](#)

- **Age:** 30 (born 11 May 1995 in Turin, Italy)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 39 (singles), 94 (doubles)
- **2025 singles highlights:** SF Metz; QF Australian Open, Marseille, Stockholm; R16 Wimbledon
- **2025 doubles highlights:** RU Cincinnati-1000; QF Indian Wells-1000
- **Davis Cup:** Sonego could return to Davis Cup action for the first time since winning the title with Italy in 2023 this week. He won 5 of the 6 matches he contested in the competition in 2023, including partnering Jannik Sinner to defeat Novak Djokovic/Miomir Kecmanovic in the deciding doubles match of Italy's 2-1 victory against Serbia in the semifinals. He is bidding to extend a 5-match winning streak in the competition, having won the last 5 matches he has contested in the competition since falling to Canada's Alexis Galarnau at the 2023 Finals group stage. He has a 9-3 overall win-loss record in the competition across singles and doubles.

• [MATTEO BERRETTINI](#)

- **Age:** 29 (born 12 April 1996 in Rome, Italy)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 56 (singles), 344 (doubles)
- **2025 singles highlights:** QF Doha, Dubai, Miami-1000, Vienna, Metz
- **2025 doubles highlights:** QF Indian Wells-1000
- **Davis Cup:** Berrettini won all 6 matches he contested in the competition in 2024 as he helped Italy win their 3rd Davis Cup title. He defeated Brazil's Joao Fonseca, Belgium's Alexander Blockx and Netherlands' Botic van de Zandschulp at the Finals Group Stage in September before partnering Jannik Sinner to defeat Argentina's Maximo Gonzalez/Andres Molteni in the quarterfinals, defeating Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis in the semifinals and defeating Netherlands' Van De Zandschulp in the first match of the final. He has an 11-4 win-loss record in the competition across singles and doubles since making his debut in 2019.

- **ANDREA VAVASSORI**

- **Age:** 30 (born 5 May 1995 in Turin, Italy)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 339 (singles), 14 (doubles)
- **2025 doubles highlights:** Won Adelaide, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Washington; RU Australian Open, Halle; SF Stockholm, ATP Finals; QF Cincinnati-1000
- **Davis Cup:** Vavassori made his Davis Cup debut at the 2024 Finals Group Stage, winning one of the 3 matches he contested, partnering Simone Bolelli in all 3 matches, defeating Belgium's Sander Gille/Joran Vliegen but falling to Brazil's Rafael Matos/Marcelo Melo and Netherlands' Wesley Koolhof/Botic van de Zandschulp. He was part of the team that competed in the 2024 Final 8 and won Italy's 3rd title but did not contest a match in the knockout stage.

- **SIMONE BOLELLI**

- **Age:** 40 (born 8 October 1985 in Bologna, Italy)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** unranked (singles), 13 (doubles)
- **2025 doubles highlights:** Won Adelaide, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Washington; RU Australian Open, Halle; SF Stockholm, ATP Finals; QF Cincinnati-1000
- **Davis Cup:** Bolelli has contested only doubles matches in the competition since 2016, winning 8 of the 18 Davis Cup doubles matches he has played in that time, including one of the 3 matches he contested in 2024, all partnering Vavassori at the Finals Group Stage as the pair defeated Belgium's Gille/Vliegen but fell to Brazil's Matos/Melo and Netherlands' Koolhof/Van de Zandschulp. He will claim sole ownership of 4th place on the list for most Davis Cup ties played by an Italian player if he contests a match this week. He was part of the team that competed in the Final 8 in 2023 and 2024 and won Italy's 2nd and 3rd titled but did not contest a match in the knockout stage on either occasion.

Austria – Team Information

- **AUSTRIA** are bidding to reach the semifinals for the first time since 1990 and equal their best Davis Cup result. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Davis Cup Finals, after 2021, and their first appearance in the quarterfinals since 2012.
- **In the Qualifiers 2nd Round**, Austria defeated Hungary 3-2 in Debrecen to advance to the Final 8 in Bologna. Jurij Rodionov and Lukas Neumayer defeated Fabian Marozsan and Marton Fucsovics respectively to put Austria 2-0 up after day one before Marozsan and Zsombor Piros defeated Alexander Eler and Lucas Miedler and Piros defeated Neumayer to level the tie at 2-2. Rodionov defeated Fucsovics in the deciding 5th match to send Austria to the Final 8.
- **Last season**, Austria defeated Ireland 4-0 in the World Group I Play-offs and defeated Turkiye 3-0 in a World Group I tie to secure their place in the 2025 Qualifiers 1st Round.
- **In the Qualifiers 1st Round**, Austria defeated Finland 4-0 in Schwechat to advance to the Qualifiers 2nd Round.
- Austria's **best Davis Cup performance** is reaching the semifinals in 1990, when they came within one set of reaching the final, but eventually lost to USA 3-2.
- Austria are ranked at No. 12 in the **Davis Cup Nations Rankings**. Their highest ranking is No. 8, which they achieved in February 2012.
- **Captain Jurgen Melzer** has led the Austrian team since 2022, except for the 2024 World Group I tie against Turkiye, and has a 4-3 win-loss record as captain. As a player, he represented Austria in Davis Cup between 1999 and 2020 and had a 37-41 overall match win-loss record. He holds the record for most Davis Cup doubles matches won and most ties played by an Austrian player, is in 2nd place on the list for most Davis Cup matches won by an Austrian player, joint-2nd place on the list for most Davis Cup singles matches won by an Austrian player.

Austria – Historical Information

Most Davis Cup match-wins by an Austrian player

| Rank | Player | Win-loss |
|------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. | Thomas Muster | 45-18 |
| 2. | Jurgen Melzer | 37-41 |
| 3. | Hans Kary | 33-25 |
| 4= | Franz-Wilhelm Matejka | 22-13 |
| | Franz Saiko | 22-13 |
| | Horst Skoff | 22-17 |

Most Davis Cup singles match-wins by an Austrian player

| Rank | Player | Win-loss |
|------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. | Thomas Muster | 36-8 |
| 2= | Hans Kary | 22-15 |
| | Jurgen Melzer | 22-29 |
| 4. | Horst Skoff | 21-13 |
| 5= | Stefan Koubek | 20-19 |
| | Franz-Wilhelm Matejka | 20-9 |

Most Davis Cup doubles match-wins by an Austrian player

| Rank | Player | Win-loss |
|------|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | Jurgen Melzer | 15-12 |
| 2. | Alex Antonitsch | 13-14 |
| 3= | Hans Kary | 11-10 |
| | Julian Knowle | 11-13 |
| 5. | Thomas Muster | 9-10 |

Most Davis Cup ties played by an Austrian player

| Rank | Player | Win-loss |
|------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | Jurgen Melzer | 38 |
| 2. | Alex Antonitsch | 27 |
| 3. | Hans Kary | 26 |
| 4= | Julian Knowle Thomas Muster | 24 24 |

Austria – Player Information

| Player | DC debut year | DC seasons played | DC ties played | DC singles win-loss | DC doubles win-loss |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Filip Misolic | 2022 | 2 | 2 | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| Jurij Rodionov | 2019 | 6 | 9 | 7-5 | 0-0 |
| Lukas Neumayer | 2024 | 2 | 3 | 3-1 | 0-0 |
| Lucas Miedler | 2022 | 4 | 8 | 1-0 | 6-2 |
| Alexander Erler | 2022 | 4 | 8 | 0-0 | 6-2 |

[FILIP MISOLIC](#)

- **Age:** 24 (born 8 August 2001 in Graz, Austria)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 79 (singles), 1100 (doubles)
- **2025 singles highlights:** QF Bucharest, Bastad
- **Davis Cup:** Misolic made his 2nd Davis Cup appearance in Austria's 4-0 victory against Finland in the Qualifiers 1st Round earlier this year, defeating Eera Vasa in the 4th match after the tie had already been decided. His only other Davis Cup appearance came during Austria's 2022 World Group I victory against Pakistan, when he defeated Muzammil Murtaza. He was nominated for the Austrian team that faced Hungary in the Qualifiers 2nd Round but did not contest a match.

[JURIJ RODIONOV](#)

- **Age:** 26 (born 16 May 1999 in Nuremberg, Germany)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 177 (singles), 268 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup:** Rodionov has won all 4 matches he has contested in the Davis Cup since the start of 2024, defeating Yanki Erel in Austria's 2024 World Group I victory over Turkiye, defeating Vasa in Austria's 4-0 victory against Finland in the Qualifiers 1st Round in January and defeating Fabian Marozsan and Marton Fucsovics in Austria's 3-2 victory against Hungary in the Qualifiers 2nd Round in September. He has won 7 of the 12 matches he has contested since making his Davis Cup debut in 2019.

[LUKAS NEUMAYER](#)

- **Age:** 23 (born 6 September 2002 in Salzburg, Austria)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 189 (singles), 633 (doubles)
- **Davis Cup:** Neumayer has won 3 of the 4 matches he has contested since making his Davis Cup debut last year, defeating Cem Ilkel in Austria's World Group I victory over Turkiye. In 2025 he defeated Otto Virtanen in Austria's 4-0 victory against Finland in the Qualifiers 1st Round and defeated Fucsovics before falling to Zsombor Piros in Austria's 3-2 victory against Hungary in the Qualifiers 2nd Round.

[LUCAS MIEDLER](#)

- **Age:** 29 (born 21 June 1996 in Tulln, Austria)
- **Rankings (17 Nov):** 1488= (singles), 23 (doubles)
- **2025 doubles highlights:** Won Gstaad, Hangzhou, Athens; RU Winston-Salem, Vienna; SF Geneva, Stuttgart, Halle, Kitzbuhel, Paris-1000; QF Cincinnati-1000
- **Davis Cup:** Miedler has won 7 of the 9 Davis Cup matches he has contested, winning 6 of the 8 doubles matches he has contested partnering Alexander Erler. After the pair fell to Korea, Rep.'s Nam Jisung/Song Minkyu on both men's Davis Cup debut at the 2022 Qualifiers they won 6 consecutive matches in the competition, including defeating Patrick Kaukovalta/Patrik Niklas-Salminen in Austria's 4-0 victory against Finland in the Qualifiers 1st Round in January. They then fell to Marozsan/Piros in Austria's 3-2 victory against Hungary in the Qualifiers 2nd Round in September, ending their 6-match doubles winning streak and ending Miedler's 7-match winning streak across singles and doubles having defeated Ireland's Michael Agwi in the 2024 World Group I Play-offs in the only singles match he has contested in the competition.

- **ALEXANDER ERLER**
 - **Age:** 28 (born 27 October 1997 in Innsbruck, Austria)
 - **Rankings (17 Nov):** unranked (singles), 43 (doubles)
 - **2025 doubles highlights:** Won Stockholm; SF Buenos Aires, Acapulco, Barcelona, Tokyo; QF Paris-1000
 - **Davis Cup:** Erler has won 6 of the 8 Davis Cup matches he has contested, all partnering Lucas Miedler in doubles. After the pair fell to Korea, Rep.'s Nam/Song on both men's Davis Cup debut at the 2022 Qualifiers they won 6 consecutive matches in the competition, including defeating Kaukovalta/Niklas-Salminen in Austria's 4-0 victory against Finland in the Qualifiers 1st Round in January. They then fell to Marozsan/Piros in Austria's 3-2 victory against Hungary in the Qualifiers 2nd Round in September, ending their 6-match doubles winning streak.