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It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Kraljevo for this 2024 Davis Cup Qualifiers tie between Serbia and Slovakia, with the prize of a place in the 2024 Davis Cup Finals Group Stage on offer to the winner.

Davis Cup, the men's world cup of tennis, was founded in 1900 and has grown to become the largest annual international team competition in sport. A record 157 nations have entered Davis Cup this year and will compete across multiple levels of the competition from regional events to the pinnacle of the Davis Cup Finals.

The Finals are a true celebration of men's team tennis. In 2023, we hosted the Finals Group Stage across four cities in September, with the top two teams in each group advancing to the Final 8 Knockout Stage in Malaga in November to compete for the famous trophy.

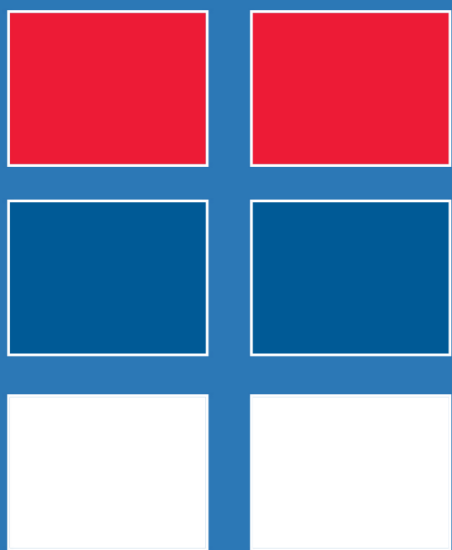
The 2023 Finals were our most successful yet, with superb matches at both the Group Stage and the Final 8. The event in Malaga was a fitting conclusion to the tennis season, with Italy overcoming Australia in the final to win the Davis Cup title for the first time since 1976.

This weekend's Qualifiers are the first step on the road to deciding the 2024 world champions. The 12 winners of this weekend's ties will join Italy and Australia, as well as wild cards Great Britain and Spain, at the Davis Cup Finals Group Stage in September.



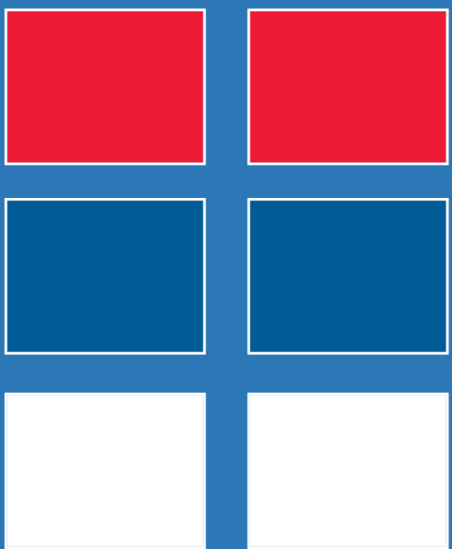
I would like to give special thanks to the players, the captains and the National Associations who give so much to making the Davis Cup such a special competition. The revenue that the ITF generates from Davis Cup is reinvested into the development of tennis at national level. By competing in Davis Cup, the players contribute to delivering tennis for future generations. I wish all of you an enjoyable and successful weekend.

David Haggerty
ITF President



Message from

Mirko Petrović



Dear Friends, welcome to Kraljevo, and the 2024 Davis Cup qualifiers tie Serbia Vs Slovakia. On behalf of the Serbian Tennis Federation, we are honored to host this event in Serbia, and delighted to be working with the ITF on implementing such an important

event of the annual tennis calendar, bringing together the tennis players from two friendly countries. Established in 1900 Davis Cup is one of the most prominent men's team competitions in sport. Serbia is a country with a rich tradition in men's tennis. We gave to the world the number

ones in singles and doubles, we gave the best tennis player of all time, Novak Đoković. Our national team was the champion of the Davis Cup in 2010. We played in the semifinals last year. Now, with some new forces for the future, for the New century of Serbian tennis, we want to return the trophy to

Serbia. There's no better opportunity to do that than the Davis Cup. Enjoy the spectacle, directed by Serbian and Slovakian tennis players!

Mirko PETROVIĆ
STF President

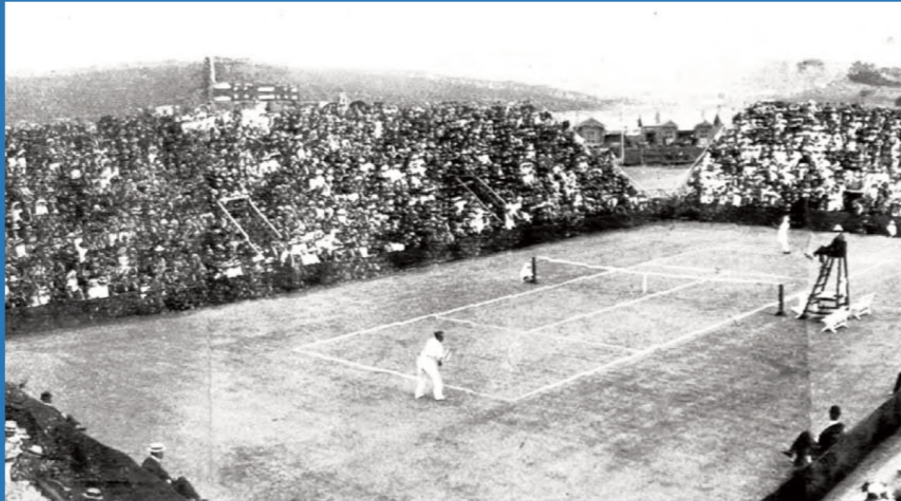
Mirko Petrović

DAVIS CUP

The first Davis Cup took place in 1900 and saw USA take on Great Britain, then playing under the name of the British Isles. It was held at the Longwood Cricket Club in Boston and the Americans surprised their opponents by racing into an unassailable 3-0 lead.

The idea of Davis Cup was conceived a year earlier by four members of the Harvard University tennis team, who wished to set up a match between USA and Great Britain. Once the two respective national associations had agreed, one of the four players, Dwight Davis, designed a tournament format and ordered a trophy, buying it with his own money.

In 1905, Davis Cup expanded to include France, Austria, Belgium and Australasia, a combined team of players from Australia and New Zealand. Then by the 1920s, there



were over 20 nations regularly playing in the competition.

In 1969, a year after the start of the Open Era in tennis, 50 nations competed in Davis Cup for the first time. Then in 1972, the competition underwent a major change of format as the Challenge Round was abolished, resulting in the reigning champion having to play in every round, rather than gaining a bye directly into the Final.

In 1981, the Davis Cup format was changed to create a 16-nation World

Group. The remaining nations were split into regional Zone Groups with promotion and relegation up for grabs.

The competition celebrated its 100th Final in 2012, which also marked the start of the ITF's Centenary Year. The final also saw the launch of the Davis Cup Commitment Award to recognise long-standing dedication.

The competition's current format was introduced in 2019, with 18 nations competing in one venue to be crowned world champions.

SERBIAN TENNIS FEDERATION

The history of tennis in the Balkans starts in the early 80s of the 19th century, and it remains recorded in photographs. In the year 1878, the first competitions were held, a competition called the Szeged Vineyards, and in addition to tennis, athletes competed in fencing, horse riding, running and wrestling. Since then, until today, in Palić, as well as in Subotica, tennis has a rich tradition.

The founding assembly was held on August 27, 1922 in Zagreb, in the Zlatna Kruna tavern in Gajeva Street, number 12. Zagreb, then the strongest center of tennis in Yugoslavia, was chosen as the seat of the YUGOSLOVENIAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

Already in 1926, the Federation registered a national team to play in the Davis Cup, so history records that Yugoslavia played its first match in



May 1927 against India in Zagreb.

The history of our tennis from 1946 to the present is turbulent. Regardless of political-geographic divisions and numerous system changes, from the Federal People's Republic to Socialism, then civil war and separation, first to FR Yugoslavia, then to Serbia and Montenegro, until today when Serbia is a separate entity, but tennis has endured all turbulences and results were not absent.

In the period from 2007 to 2014, Serbia became a superpower in every

respect. As many as four players in the senior competition reached the number 1 position in the world (Novak Đoković, Ana Ivanović, Jelena Janković, Nenad Zimonjić), and as a team the Davis Cup national team climbed to the podium in 2010 by winning against France in the final.

Two years later, the women's team reached the title of vice-champion, thus rounding off a period that is rightly considered to be the greatest in the history of tennis in our whole region.

HISTORY

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**LASLO
ĐERE**

Date of birth
June 2nd 1995

ATP singles ranking
33

ATP doubles ranking
575

Best singles ranking
27

Best doubles ranking
346

Carier sinles titles
2

Carirer doubles titles
-



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**DUŠAN
LAJOVIĆ**

Date of birth
June 30th 1990

ATP singles ranking
51

ATP doubles ranking
881

Best singles ranking
23

Best doubles ranking
82

Carier sinles titles
2

Carirer doubles titles
2



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03

**MIOMIR
KECMANOVIĆ**

Date of birth
August 31st 1999

ATP singles ranking
60

ATP doubles ranking
160

Best singles ranking
27

Best doubles ranking
127

Carrier sinles titles
1

Carirer doubles titles
1



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04

**HAMAD
MEĐEDOVIĆ**

Date of birth
July 18th 2003

ATP singles ranking
108

ATP doubles ranking
1363

Best singles ranking
102

Best doubles ranking
1267

Carrier sinles titles
-

Carirer doubles titles
-



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**NIKOLA
ĆAČIĆ**

Date of birth
Desember 7th 1990

ATP singles ranking
-

ATP doubles ranking
67

Best singles ranking
281

Best doubles ranking
35

Carier sinles titles
-

Carirer doubles titles
3



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**VIKTOR
TROICKI**

Date of birth
February 10th 1986

Captain
since **2020**

Pro
2006-2021

Best singles ranking
12 (2011)

Best doubles ranking
49 (2010)

Carier sinles titles
3

Carirer doubles titles
2



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DAVIS CUP
QUALIFIERS

24
TEAMS

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CITIES

- CAN vs KOR
- SRB vs SVK
- CRO vs BEL
- HUN vs GER
- NED vs SUI
- CZE vs ISR
- UKR vs USA
- FIN vs POR
- TPE vs FRA
- ARG vs KAZ
- SWE vs BRA
- CHI vs PER

The 12 winning nations will advance to the 2024 Finals Group Stage.
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DAVIS CUP FINALS
GROUP STAGE

16
TEAMS

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CITIES

- CITY 1 - GROUP A
- CITY 2 - GROUP B
- CITY 3 - GROUP C
- CITY 4 - GROUP D

TEAMS ALREADY QUALIFIED FOR THE GROUP STAGE:

2023 FINALISTS
Australia & Italy

WILDCARDS
Spain & Great Britain

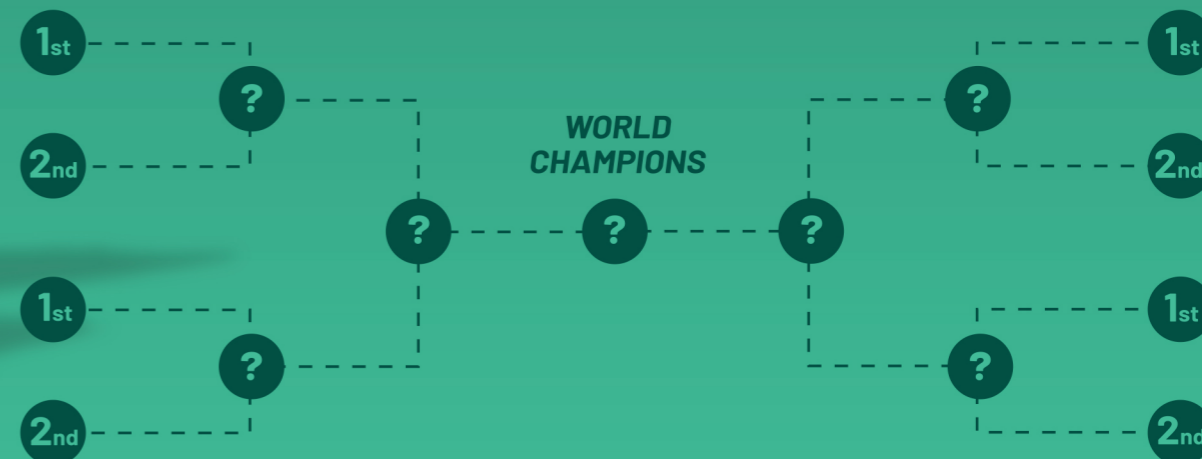
*Draw to take place after the Qualifiers ties. Cities to be confirmed.
The top two teams from each group will advance to the Final 8.

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DAVIS CUP FINALS
FINAL 8

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TEAMS

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SLOVAK TENNIS FEDERATION

The Slovak Tennis Association was celebrating 30 years of independence last year. In this relatively short history, Slovak tennis players achieved a number of impressive successes on the international scene. Its current president is the 1988 Seoul Olympic champion Miloslav Mecir. The biggest achievements of the Slovak national teams are the victory in the Fed Cup 2002, the Davis Cup final in 2005 and three triumphs in

the Hopman Cup. Among the individual results it is Cibulkova's title of world champion in 2016. In the era of independence, Slovak tennis players won 14 Grand Slam titles - 4 Daniela Hantuchova in mixed doubles, 1 Filip Polasek in men's doubles, 9 juniors in singles and doubles. The best singles Grand Slam results in singles were achieved by Dominika Cibulkova (Australian Open final and Roland Garros semifinal), Karol Kucera and



Daniela Hantuchova (Australian Open semifinal) and Dominik Hrbaty (Roland Garros semifinal).



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ALEX MOLČAN

Date of birth
December 1st 1997

ATP singles ranking
116
ATP doubles ranking
339
Best singles ranking
38

Best doubles ranking
268
Carrier sinles titles
-
Carirer doubles titles
-



LUKAŠ KLEIN

Date of birth
March 22nd 1998

ATP singles ranking
163
ATP doubles ranking
1140
Best singles ranking
133

Best doubles ranking
240
Carrier sinles titles
-
Carirer doubles titles
-

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Davis Cup Team Slovakia



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JOZEF KOVALIK

Date of birth

November 4th 1992

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| ATP singles ranking | Best doubles ranking |
| 231 | 245 |
| ATP doubles ranking | Carier sinles titles |
| 1140 | - |
| Best singles ranking | Carirer doubles titles |
| 80 | - |



LUKAŠ POKORNY

Date of birth

February 28th 2002

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| ATP singles ranking | Best doubles ranking |
| 582 | 359 |
| ATP doubles ranking | Carier sinles titles |
| 476 | - |
| Best singles ranking | Carirer doubles titles |
| 568 | - |

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Davis Cup Team Slovakia



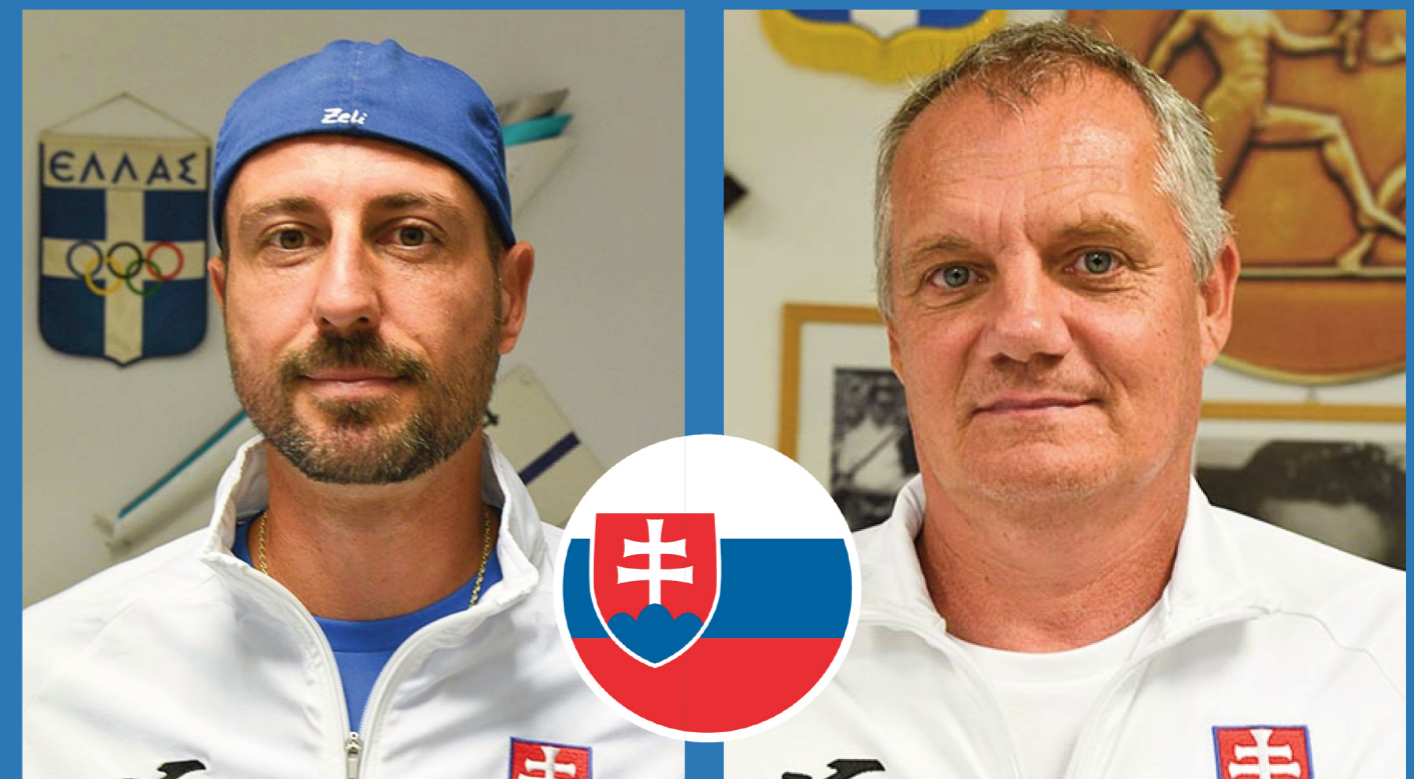
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IGOR ZELENAY

Date of birth

October 2nd 1982

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| ATP singles ranking | Best doubles ranking |
| - | 50 |
| ATP doubles ranking | Carier sinles titles |
| 266 | - |
| Best singles ranking | Carirer doubles titles |
| 279 | 1 |



TIBOR TOTH

Date of birth

May 25th 1968

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Captain since 2020 | Best doubles ranking |
| Pro | 402 (1993) |
| - | Carier sinles titles |
| - | - |
| Best singles ranking | Carirer doubles titles |
| 303 (1993) | - |

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