

## THE STORY SO FAR...



It all comes down to this... Great Britain vs France for a place at the Davis Cup Final 8 in Malaga and a shot at the title.

Yesterday, Australia defeated Switzerland 3-0 to confirm that they will finish in the top two of Group B and making today's sell-out tie a must-win for both sides.

Great Britain come in with the advantage of being undefeated at Manchester's AO Arena so far, having won both their ties against Australia and Switzerland 2-1. Captain Leon Smith has used the full firepower of his squad to produce two outstanding wins in front of the home crowd but the Brits will need one more top performance against a tough French side if they want to be in with the chance of being crowned champions for the first time since 2015..

France boast a team with five players ranked inside the top 50 in either singles or doubles and are 10-time former champions at the Davis Cup. Despite losing to Australia 2-1, they managed a whitewash 3-0 win over Switzerland in their opener, which means that a victory today will see them through on overall matches won.

## TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY

	GBR	v	FRA	
	Dan Evans	v	Arthur Fils	
	Cam Norrie	v	Ugo Humbert	
	Dan Evans	v	Nicolas Mahut	
	Neal Skupski		Edouard Roger-Vasselin	

PRINCIPAL PARTNERS:



CERVEZAS  
VICTORIA  
MÁLAGA

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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.

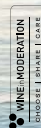
We have a great week ahead and I am sure you will enjoy some amazing tennis.

Scott Lloyd, LTA Chief Executive



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# COMPETITION SCHEDULE GROUP STAGE B

**TUESDAY 12TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**FRA** v **SUI**  
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**WEDNESDAY 13TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**AUS** v **GBR**  
1 2



**THURSDAY 14TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**AUS** v **FRA**  
2 1



**FRIDAY 15TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**GBR** v **SUI**  
2 1



**SATURDAY 16TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**AUS** v **SUI**  
3 0



**SUNDAY 17TH**  
SEPTEMBER



**GBR** v **FRA**  
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## GREAT BRITAIN TEAM PROFILE

**Ranking:** 7

**Best performance:** 10x Champions  
(1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1912, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 2015)

**Captain:** Leon Smith

**Nominated team:**

- Cam Norrie (world No.17)
- Dan Evans (world No.27)
- Andy Murray (world No.41)
- Jack Draper (world No.106)
- Neal Skupski (doubles world No.3)

Great Britain come into the Davis Cup Finals in Manchester off the back of an impressive 3-1 win over Colombia back in April. Lexus GB Davis Cup Team Captain and LTA Head of Men's Tennis Leon Smith has selected a team balanced with experienced champions and rising stars as they bid to reach the knockout stage in Malaga in November.

Two members of the 2015 title-winning team, Dan Evans and Andy Murray join a star-studded line-up, alongside British No.1 Cam Norrie and doubles world No.3 Neal Skupski. 21-year-old Jack Draper comes in as the fifth member of the squad fresh off the back of a career-best fourth round at the US Open – giving Smith a range of options to choose from across the three ties.



## 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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