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## **DIALLO AND POSPISIL TO OPEN FOR TEAM CANADA AGAINST REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT DAVIS CUP QUALIFIERS TIE IN MONTREAL**

***Diallo will take on Soonwoo Kwon in opening match on Friday***

**[MONTREAL, QC] February 1, 2024** – The official draw for the Davis Cup Qualifier tie between Team Canada presented by Sobeys and the Republic of Korea was held on Thursday to determine the matchups for this weekend's action. The two countries are scheduled to face off at IGA Stadium in Montreal, Quebec on Friday, February 2 and Saturday, February 3.

Gabriel Diallo (Montreal, QC) and Vasek Pospisil (Vernon, BC) were chosen by team captain Frank Dancevic to play singles, while the Republic of Korea's captain Young-Jun Kim selected Soonwoo Kwon and Seongchan Hong. Diallo (No. 132) will face off against Kwon (No. 700) while Pospisil (No. 486) will take on Hong (No. 224).

"The bottom line is, we have a really deep team with a lot of great players that can play both singles and doubles," said Dancevic at the team's press conference Thursday. "Gabriel and Vasek are really sharp, they're playing really well this week, and I feel like they're a really good matchup going into Friday."

"It means the world to me," said Diallo on the honour of being called upon to play in his hometown. "It's for those moments that we work really hard and to have the privilege to be called up here to represent my country and this city, it means the world to me."

This weekend's tie marks the first time since 2018 that Canada has hosted a Davis Cup tie on home soil, and the first time since 2012 that it has been held in Montreal. Canada won its only previous meeting with the Republic of Korea team when they defeated them in 2022 during the Group Stage in Valencia, Spain.

In doubles, Pospisil will be called upon again to team up with Alexis Galarneau (Laval, QC) to face the Korean duo of Jisung Nam and Minkyu Song. Pospisil and Galarneau played four Davis Cup matches together as doubles partners in 2023, winning three times.

"I remember [from 2012] the atmosphere is always incredible when you play in Montreal," said Pospisil, who is appearing in his 33<sup>rd</sup> tie for Team Canada. "Back from the first time I ever played at the National Bank Open, and it was the same at the Davis Cup, especially here in Quebec, you really get so much passion coming from the crowd and that's important for a team event for us."

The first singles match between Diallo and Kwon will take place on Friday, February 2 at 4:00 p.m. ET. It will be followed by the second singles rubber between Pospisil and Hong. On Saturday, February 3, the tie will continue with the doubles rubber at 2:00 p.m. ET, followed by the third and fourth singles rubbers if necessary. All matches will be best-of-three sets.



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## MATCH SCHEDULE

### Friday, February 2, 2024

- Gabriel Diallo vs. Soonwoo Kwon– 4:00 p.m. ET
- Followed by Vasek Pospisil vs. Seongchang Hong

### Saturday, February 3, 2024

- Vasek Pospisil / Alexis Galarneau vs. Jisung Nam / Minkyu Song – 2:00 p.m. ET
- Followed by Gabriel Diallo vs. Seongchang Hong
- Followed by Vasek Pospisil vs. Soonwoo Kwong\*

\*If the tie is decided following the doubles rubber, the last singles rubber may not be contested.

For TVA Sports subscribers, the tie will be broadcast live on TVA Sports 2, while all of Canada will be able to stream the matches for free on CBC Gem, cbcports.ca and the CBC Sports app for iOS and Android devices.

### Special thanks

Tennis Canada would like to thank the City of Montreal and its many partners for their financial support in staging this Davis Cup qualifying event. Once again this year, this support will enable the Federation to organize a sporting event that lives up to the expectations of the Canadians who will visit.

### About Tennis Canada

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