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## **TEAM CANADA OUSTED BY GERMANY IN THE QUARTER-FINALS OF THE 2024 DAVIS CUP**

Canada to fight in the 2025 Qualifiers

**[MALAGA, ES] November 20, 2024** – On Wednesday, Team Canada competed in the Davis Cup quarter-finals for the third straight year and the fourth time in five years. Just as it did en route to its historic triumph in 2022, Canada drew Germany in its opening tie. It was only the second showdown between the two nations in the prestigious international competition's history. Back in 2002, the Canadians overpowered the Germans 2-1.

This year, the tables turned as Germany exacted revenge with a clear-cut 2-0 win, and Denis Shapovalov, Gabriel Diallo, Alexis Galarneau, Milos Raonic and Vasek Pospisil were forced to admit defeat in the quarters for the second year running.

The first match of the day pitted rising player and World No.86 Gabriel Diallo against No.88 and German no.2 Daniel Altmaier. Despite being two spots ahead in the rankings and losing only one Davis Cup match this season, the Canadian was downed in straight sets (7-6[5], 6-4). Although Diallo made more unforced errors than his opponent (46 vs. 18), he fought hard to save six of eight break points against him and nearly managed to claw his way back in the first-set tiebreaker.

"I wasn't quite as loose as I wanted. It was quite patchy, and there were some moments where I was a little bit scrappier. But sometimes that's how it goes. Today, in some moments, it got to me, and I didn't manage to find my rhythm or my stride to get a win," Gabriel Diallo said after the match.

Facing elimination, Canada picked Denis Shapovalov to take on No.43 Jan-Lennard Struff, the highest ranked player in the mix. The Canadian no.1 was set on reversing the outcome of his 2022 battle against Struff, which the German won in three sets.

Despite some spectacular serves (27 aces) and 90% of points won on his first serve, Shapovalov secured only 48% of points on his second serve and racked up 13 double faults. He won the first set, but his errors eventually caught up with him. After a demanding 130-minute grind, Shapovalov was defeated 4-6, 7-5, 7-6(5) and Team Canada's fate was sealed.

"I'm very disappointed for the team," Denis Shapovalov said after the match. "I feel like I let them down, especially since I felt like I had the match in my hands and a lot of chances. It just



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slipped away from me, so it's definitely a tough one, especially playing no.1 this week. It's a role I like, and I like to take it on because I want to bring points for the team. It's tough to lose today for sure."

"We lost a really close match, but that's the way it goes. Davis Cup is never easy. There are always ups and downs, and I'm really proud of the guys this week and of the way they fought out there. That's all I can ask for as captain. Next year we're going to come back stronger and try to make a run again," said Team Canada captain Frank Dancevic.

Team Canada will be back in action at the end of January or the beginning of February in the 2025 Davis Cup Qualifiers. The official draw will take place after the 2024 Finals have wrapped up.

Although Canada has been eliminated from the Davis Cup Finals, viewers can watch the Billie Jean King Cup Finals and Davis Cup Final 8 ties for free via CBC Gem, [cbcspports.ca](http://cbcspports.ca), the CBC Sports app for iOS and Android and CBC Sports' official YouTube channel. The matches will also be available in French. TVA Sports and TVA Sports Direct will broadcast the semi-finals and finals.

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