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TEAM CANADA SET TO FACE HUNGARY IN THE 2025 DAVIS CUP QUALIFIERS 1ST ROUND

- *The Qualifier tie against Hungary will be played during the week of January 27 at a to-be-determined venue in Canada*
- *Under the new 2025 Davis Cup format, the winning nation will advance to the Qualifiers 2nd Round in September*

[TORONTO, ON] December 2, 2024 – On Monday, the draw for the 2025 Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round took place at the International Tennis Federation (ITF) offices in London, Great Britain. As one of the nations that reached the 2024 Davis Cup Finals, Team Canada has been drawn to host a Qualifier tie against Hungary. The choice of playing surface and venue will be confirmed by Tennis Canada in due course. The team rosters and dates for the event, which can take place from January 31 to February 1, or from February 1 to 2, 2025, will also be confirmed at a later date.

During the 2024 season, the Canadian team captained by Frank Dancevic defeated the Republic of Korea on home soil in February to advance to the Group Stage of the Davis Cup Finals, where they finished first in their group to qualify for the Final 8 in Malaga, Spain. The 2022 champions' run came to an end after falling 2-0 to Germany in the quarter-finals.

Starting in 2025, the Group Stage will be no more, as teams winning their Qualifiers 1st Round tie will play another home-or-away tie in September – the Davis Cup Qualifiers 2nd Round – in the hope of reaching the Davis Cup Final 8. The losing nations of the Qualifiers 1st Round will compete in World Group 1, also in September, and will need to win to remain in contention for the following year's Davis Cup Final 8.

The upcoming tie, which will consist of two singles matches on the first day, followed by a doubles match and two singles matches on day two, will mark the first meeting between Team Canada and Hungary. While the Canadian team earned their spot in the Qualifiers by reaching the 2024 Finals, Hungary did so with a victory over Egypt in the 2024 World Group 1. Coincidentally, the last defeat suffered by both teams came against the Germans.

The draw results for the Davis Cup Qualifiers 1st Round are listed below. Italy, the defending champions, will be receiving an automatic bye to the Final 8.

Netherlands (1) vs. BYE and reaches Qualifiers 2nd Round
Norway (c)* vs. Argentina (14)

Sweden (c) vs. Australia (2)
Belgium (13) (c)* vs. Chile

Canada (3) (c)* vs. Hungary
Austria (c) vs. Finland (12)



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Israel (c) vs. Germany (4)
Japan (c) vs. Great Britain (11)

Chinese Taipei (c)* vs. USA (5)
Czechia (10) (c)* vs. Korea, Rep.

Denmark (c) vs. Serbia (6)
Switzerland (c) vs. Spain (9)

Croatia (7) (c) vs. Slovakia
France (8) (c) vs. Brazil

(#) = seed; (c) = choice of ground; * = choice of ground decided by lot

The ITF also announced today that Italy will host the Davis Cup Final 8 for the next three years, starting in Bologna for the 2025 event. The final stage of the competition has been held in Spain for the last five editions, in Madrid in 2019 and 2021, and in Malaga from 2022 to 2024.

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