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## **DIALLO AND GALARNEAU LOOK TO PLAY HOMETOWN HEROES FOR TEAM CANADA IN QUALIFIER TIE AGAINST HUNGARY IN MONTREAL**

*Alexis Galarneau is set to face Fabian Marozsan in the opening match on Saturday, February 1 at IGA Stadium*

**[MONTREAL, QC] January 31, 2025** – The official draw for the Davis Cup Qualifiers 1<sup>st</sup> Round tie between Team Canada presented by IGA and Hungary took place today, revealing exciting matchups for this coming weekend. The event is held at IGA Stadium, on an indoor hard court, and will consist of a best-of-five series.

Gabriel Diallo (Montreal, QC) and Alexis Galarneau (Laval, QC) were chosen by Team Canada captain Frank Dancevic to play singles, while Hungary's captain Kornel Bardoczky selected Fabian Marozsan and Marton Fucsovics. On Saturday, Galarneau (No. 176) will kick things off against Marozsan (No. 58), followed by a clash between Diallo (No. 85) and Fucsovics (No. 96).

"Hungary is a strong team, and we're quite evenly matched," said Dancevic. "I don't think this is a weekend where a team wins 3-0 – this will likely be decided in the fourth or fifth match, so for us, we're ready to be there to fight this weekend, and we'll prepare our guys the best we can so they're ready for Saturday."

The action resumes on Sunday with a doubles match between the duo of Liam Draxl (Newmarket, ON), and Vasek Pospisil (Vernon, BC) and Hungary's Marozsan and Mate Valkusz. Pospisil, who is representing his country for the 29<sup>th</sup> time at the Davis Cup, will be looking to add another victory to his current total of 32 wins in the competition.

"There's a high chance this will be my last tie, so I'm going to try to enjoy it the best I can," said Pospisil. "At the same time, I'm here to do a job and I want to contribute to the team and get the win in doubles, so that's the main focus. I'll try not to get too distracted that this may be the last one, but of course, it's still in the back of my mind and I'll just try to enjoy the week as most I can."

Canada, currently ranked No. 3 in the world rankings, is facing Hungary (No. 22) for the first time at the Davis Cup. Moreover, of the players scheduled to meet this weekend, only Galarneau and Fucsovics have previously clashed on court, just last week at an ATP Challenger tournament in Portugal, where the Canadian won 6-3, 6-4.

The winning team at the end of the tie on Sunday will advance to the Qualifiers 2<sup>nd</sup> Round in September. The losing nation will be relegated to World Group 1.

### **MATCH SCHEDULE**

#### **Saturday, February 1, 2025**

- Alexis Galarneau vs. Fabian Marozsan at 1:00 p.m. ET



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- Followed by Gabriel Diallo vs. Marton Fucsovics

### **Sunday, February 2, 2025**

- Liam Draxl / Vasek Pospisil vs. Fabian Marozsan / Mate Valkusz at 11 a.m. ET
- Followed by Gabriel Diallo vs. Fabian Marozsan
- Followed by Alexis Galarneau vs. Marton Fucsovics\*

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

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