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TEAM CANADA FALLS TO CZECHIA IN THE 2026 DAVIS CUP QUARTER-FINALS

[BOLOGNA, ITA] November 24, 2026 – Team Canada's run at the Davis Cup by Generali Final 8 ended in the quarter-finals on Tuesday. Facing Czechia for the first time at this stage of the competition, Canada fell 2-0 and missed out on a spot in the semi-finals.

Canada made its sixth Davis Cup quarter-final appearance with a roster of Félix Auger-Aliassime (Montréal, QC), Liam Draxl (Newmarket, ON), Alexis Galarneau (Laval, QC), Duncan Chan (Markham, ON) and Keegan Rice (Regina, SK).

For the tie, captain Frank Dancevic called on Liam Draxl and Félix Auger-Aliassime for the singles matches, while the Quebecer was set to team up with Duncan Chan in doubles. Czech captain Tomáš Berdych selected Tomáš Macháč and Jiří Lehečka for singles and Adam Pavlásek and Patrik Rikl for doubles.

In the opening singles match, World No.154 Liam Draxl faced No.59 Tomáš Macháč for the very first time. Draxl came in with a 6-1 Davis Cup record, including a perfect 4-0 in singles. He battled to a third set before falling 6-2, 3-6, 6-2. Macháč had the edge on the big points, converting four of his nine break points while Draxl went one for three. Macháč also dominated on serve, winning 85 per cent of his first-serve points to put Czechia ahead in the tie.

"Obviously, it's a tough loss to take," said Draxl. "I flew in on Sunday night, got a practice in yesterday and did everything I could to be ready. I had a slow start while I was adjusting to the conditions, but I was able to find my rhythm as the match went on. Tomáš raised his level at key moments in the third set and deserved the win. Despite the result, I'm proud of the way I competed. After falling behind early, I battled back, won the second set and pushed the match to a decider. I left everything I had out on the court today."

With Canada trailing 1-0, World No.17 Félix Auger-Aliassime needed a win over No.14 Jiří Lehečka to level the tie. The Canadian had won three of their four previous meetings and was looking to extend his impressive 10-match Davis Cup singles winning streak. His last singles loss in the competition was in 2022.

Both players held their nerve in a closely contested, high-quality first set, saving 13 break points between them before Lehečka took the set in a tiebreak. He broke serve in the second game of the next set, the first break of the match, and quickly went up 3-0. He held on to the lead and sealed a 7-6(4), 6-2 win a few minutes later. It was Czechia's first trip to the Davis Cup semi-finals since 2014 despite three Finals appearances in the past four years.

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"First, credit to Jiří Lehečka," said Auger-Aliassime. "He played a great match today. This is not an individual competition; it's a team competition. You try your best to represent your country. I've had a lot of joy and a lot of luck in the past with Team Canada. I feel like things fell my way a lot of times. It wasn't the case today. Of course, I need to keep working and get back into rhythm. I'm hungry to make the right adjustments in my game going forward."

"It's obviously a difficult loss to accept because we know what this group is capable of achieving in this competition," said captain Frank Dancevic. "Czechia played very well today, but the guys left everything out on the court and we had our opportunities in both matches. Even though the result isn't what we hoped for, I'm extremely proud of the commitment, character and heart this team showed throughout the week. We have a young, talented and ambitious group, and I'm confident we will have other opportunities to put ourselves back among the best nations in the world."

Team Canada will be back in action in February for the first round of the 2027 Davis Cup by Generali Qualifiers. The official draw will take place on Sunday, November 29 at 6 a.m. ET. Although Canada has been eliminated, Canadian tennis fans can still follow the Davis Cup Final 8 in French on TVA Sports and in English on TSN. View the full broadcast schedule.

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