



# The Australian Davis Cup Tennis Foundation News

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## Australia loses to Belgium 2-3 in Semi-Final



The young Australian Davis Cup team suffered a narrow 2-3 loss against Belgium in the Davis Cup Semi-Final played on indoor clay in Brussels from September 15-17.

Australia was 1-1 after the first day's play and easily won the doubles rubber against an inexperienced Belgium pair. Hopes were therefore high on the final day's play however the talented Belgium players Goffin and Darcis, supported by a vociferous packed stadium, proved too strong for Kyrgios and Thompson in the final singles rubbers.

The Belgium hosts were very hospitable and the tie was played in good spirits with the Fanatics, We the People and the Foundation members supplying vocal support for the Australian Team.

### WORLD GROUP SEMIFINAL

Date: 15 Sep - 17 Sep 2017 Venue: Palais 12, Brussels, Belgium  
Surface: Clay - Red Clay, Indoor Ball: Babolat French Open All Court

#### RUBBER 1

PLAYED & COMPLETED

David GOFFIN	6 <sup>4</sup>	6	6	7
John MILLMAN	7 <sup>7</sup>	4	3	5

STATS ↓

#### RUBBER 2

PLAYED & COMPLETED

Steve DARCIS	3	6	7 <sup>7</sup>	1	2
Nick KYRGIOS	6	3	6 <sup>5</sup>	6	6

STATS ↓

#### RUBBER 3

PLAYED & COMPLETED

Ruben BEMELMANS Arthur DE GREEF	3	4	0
John PEERS Jordan THOMPSON	6	6	6

STATS ↓

#### RUBBER 4

PLAYED & COMPLETED

David GOFFIN	6 <sup>4</sup>	6	6	6
Nick KYRGIOS	7 <sup>7</sup>	4	4	4

STATS ↓

#### RUBBER 5

PLAYED & COMPLETED

Steve DARCIS	6	7	6
Jordan THOMPSON	4	5	2

STATS ↓

# AO Luncheon 2018

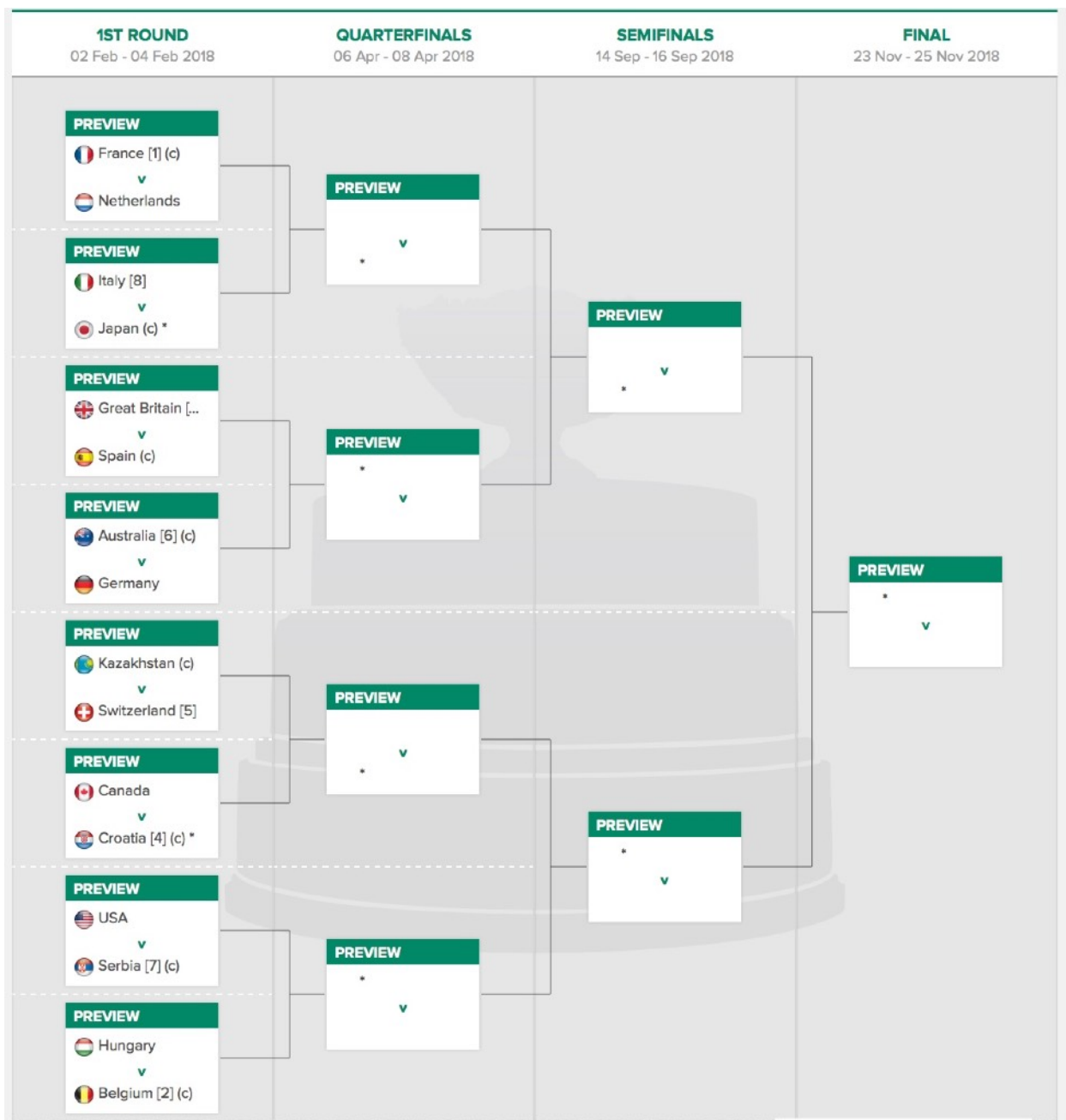
A reminder that bookings are now open for the annual Australian Open Luncheon to be held at the Members Dining Room, Melbourne Cricket Club Jolimont, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 12 noon.

The luncheon will celebrate the 1966 and 1967 Davis Cup victories with special guests Roy Emerson, Fred Stolle, Tony Roche, John Newcombe and Bill Bowrey, with many former players in attendance.

The AO Luncheon booking form is on our web site [www.daviscupaustralia.com.au](http://www.daviscupaustralia.com.au) - News/Publications or by contacting the Administration on [info@adctf.org.au](mailto:info@adctf.org.au) or telephone (03) 9499 6228.

## World Group

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## Tour of Belgium and Portugal

In conjunction with the recent World Group Davis Cup tie, Bentleigh Travel organized a nine day tour of Belgium and Portugal. Led by Ian Jane, 28 members embarked on the tour and enjoyed a trip up the Duoro River, winery and castle visits, as well as some fine dining. We also sampled the famous Portugese tarts, visited the best bookshop in Europe and the Shrine at Fatima, where the pilgrims walk on their knees to the Holy Shrine.



*Members enjoyed fine dining in Lisbon.*

## The Laver Cup

The new international team event “The Laver Cup” kicked off in Prague straight after the Davis Cup Semi-Final ties.

Australia’s Nick Kyrgios was in many ways the hero of “Team World” captained by John McEnroe and he held match point against Federer in the final singles rubber before going down 11-9 in the match tie-breaker to give “Team Europe” the win.

This event was a great TV spectacle with Federer and Nadal playing doubles together for the first time with the players from each team offering visible support to their player at each change of end. The next event will be in Chicago in September 2018.



*Victorious Team Europe with Rod Laver*

## Annual Meeting of The Australian Davis Cup Tennis Foundation

The Annual Meeting will be held at Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, Williams Road North, Toorak at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 29th November 2017.

All members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting following which our President will introduce our Special Guest. The evening will conclude with refreshments and the opportunity to socialise with members.

## Valedictory Dinner - Graeme Cumbrae-Stewart

Graeme Cumbrae-Stewart was honoured with a valedictory dinner at Kooyong LTC on 2nd October.

Neale Fraser and former Board Member Ian Johnson spoke glowingly of Graeme's 20 years service as a Director including 14 years in the role of Secretary and recounted some anecdotes about Graeme's involvement in the Foundation. Graeme's endeavours were supported by his wife Helena who is currently caring for Graeme who has been in poor health lately.

Members of the Foundation extend their best wishes to Graeme and wish him all the best for the future.



*Graeme and Helene Cumbrae-Stewart*

## Davis Cup Format Changes

A two-day format and best-of-three-set matches will be trialled in Davis Cup by BNP Paribas in 2018. The ITF Board of Directors voted to introduce the trials in all Zone Group I and II ties starting with the first round ties in February.

The two-day format in Zone Groups I and II will see two singles matches played on Day 1, and the doubles match followed by the two reverse singles matches on Day 2. This will ensure that all doubles matches remain live.

The two-day, best-of-three-sets trial does not apply to the World Group, which will continue to play ties over three days and best-of-five sets in 2018.

## ATP Rankings at 12.10.17

Nick Kyrgios	19
Jordan Thompson	72
Matthew Ebden	119
Bernard Tomic	144
Sam Groth	166
John Millman	187
Alex De Minaur	188
John-Patrick Smith	194