

12-17 SETTEMBRE 2023, BOLOGNA UNIPOL ARENA

From 12th to 17th of September the 'Unipol Arena' will host the Pool A of the 2023 Finals

DAVIS CUP BACK TO BOLOGNA: ITALY WILL FACE CANADA SEPTEMBER 13TH

As well as the north-american reigning champions, the Azzurri will play Chile and Sweden.

Access to the site will be allowed from the morning in order to see the training session

Roma, July 5th 2023 - **Bologna is ready to host again the Davis Cup and the Italian national team.** Following the successful debut of last year, from 12th to 17th September the **Unipol Arena of Casalecchio di Reno** (Bo) will be hosting again the Azzurri, dropped in the Pool A with **Canada, Chile** and **Sweden**, starring in one of the hundreds and more event promoted by Emilia-Romagna. The agreement, signed last year between **FITP, Regione Emilia Romagna and Comune di Bologna**, will expire in 2026 and brings one of the four Pool of the greatest sport team events to compete next to the Due Torri.

A press conference has been held today at Palazzo d'Accursio, home of the Comune di Bologna, to announce the Pool stage of the Davis Cup Finals 2023, with the participation of **Angelo Binaghi, President of the Italian Tennis and Padel Federation; Stefano Bonaccini, President of Regione Emilia-Romagna; Roberta Li Calzi, Councillor for Sport and Budget of the City of Bologna; Filippo Volandri, Captain of the Italian Davis Cup Team** and the presence of the **Mayor of Casalecchio di Reno, Massimo Bosso.**

Captain Volandri's team will make its debut Wednesday 13th, 3pm, with reigning champion Canada: an immediate chance to avenge last year's semifinal defeat. **Italy will then be back in action Friday 15th at 3pm, to play Chile prior to closing its pool facing Sweden Sunday 17th at 3pm.**

Here is the full schedule of Pool A:

- Tuesday 12, 3pm: Sweden vs Chile
- Wednesday 13, 3pm: **Canada vs Italy**
- Thursday 14, 3pm: Canada vs Sweden
- Friday 15, 3pm: **Italy vs Chile**
- Saturday 16, 3pm: Canada vs Chile
- Sunday 17, 3pm: **Italy vs Sweden**

The first two teams of each Pool will advance to the Final 8 which will take place in Malaga, "Palacio de Deportes José María Martín Carpena" from 21st to 26th of November.

ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI FORMAZIONE "ROBERO LOMBARDI" ACTIVITIES - The **Istituto Superiore di Formazione "Roberto Lombardi"** is proud to unveil its junior **activities**, in order to provide them with the fully taste of the atmosphere of the competition in the heart of the city. On September 12th

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those involved in the regional meetings, the CPA, the Coppa d'Inverno, Coppa Belardinelli and Coppa delle Province, will be hosted at the Unipol Arena to make them follow the training scheduled for the afternoon. On the same day, in Piazza Maggiore, a tennis court will be placed to deploy all the daily activities of all the registered tennis schools of the FITP, while on the next day, at the same location, students from the city's schools will be involved in other fun activities. Last but not least, another tennis court will be placed outside the Unipol Arena for the tennis club of the city.

TICKET INFORMATION - Tickets for the Davis Cup matches held at the 'Unipol Arena' are available on the following link: www.ticketone.it/artist/davis-cup-tennis

Those registered at the FITP will have a 20% reduction for their ticket and a 10% reduction for the full subscription to the event. Moreover, from 12th to 17th of September, all the fans who have bought a ticket can have full access to the site since the morning and attend the training of the teams not involved in the afternoon session.

THE HERA GROUP BACK IN THE FIELD WITH DAVIS – This year, Hera Group has confirmed its presence as Regional Partner of the Davis Cup. Hera Group is one of the greatest environmental friendly Italian multiutility with more than 9.000 workers committed to meet the numerous needs of 5 million citizens located in Emilia-Romagna, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Marche, Toscana and Abruzzo. Listed since 2003, and according to its capitalisation, Hera Group is among the first 40 Italian companies, and in 2020 has made its debut in Dow Jones Sustainability Index, World and Europe.

STATEMENTS:

ANGELO BINAGHI, President of the FITP – *“A year ago we brought back to Bologna the Davis Cup because we were sure that the link between the passion and the high standard provided from the City, Region and International Federation would have guaranteed the success of the event. Facts proved we were right and today we are ready to do it again and to make it better because this is what the public, which I hope greater and greater this year, deserves. Our team last year lost in the semifinal and this year will start its path with the reigning champion of Canada: there's not a better way to start off this journey, aware that with a bit of luck we can accomplish our mission and reach the deepest stage of the tournament”.*

STEFANO BONACCINI, President of Regione Emilia-Romagna – *“We are extremely proud to host one more time one of the world's most important events. It is an outstanding result that we hope will attract more fans than the previous editions, and thus thanks to the excellent job made by FITP, Region and City of Bologna. It will be a great sport festival, but moreover a symbolic new beginning after the massive flood that affected our region a couple of months ago”.*

DAVID HAGGERTY, President of the ITF – *“We are excited about Pool A of the Davis Cup which will take place in Bologna this year, a lot of interesting matches are coming up to see and we're looking forward to seeing them. Last year's edition fully embodied all this great event has meant for all these years: passionate fans, hectic atmosphere and players who left everything on the court to try to give*

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their country a chance to win the trophy. We are happy to come back to Bologna and we are sure that this year the event will meet the expectations of the crowd. We would like to thank the FITP, the city of Bologna and Emilia-Romagna for the extraordinary job that they are doing in promoting the event and ensuring everything will be ready for the 12th of September”.

ROBERTA LI CALZI, Sport and Financial Counsellor of the City of Bologna – *“Bologna Metropolitan City will host for its second consecutive year the Davis Cup, the finest world team competition of male tennis. Last year there were more than 20.000 people who had the chance to see and cheer for their team, and we are pretty sure that this year the outcome will be the same”.*

FILIPPO VOLANDRI, Captain of the Italian Davis Cup Team – *“We are in a tricky pool and our rivals are among the strongest we could possibly meet. Reigning champion of Canada last year knocked us off in the semifinal and we're looking for a rematch this year. To meet them again will be challenging, and so to play Chile and Sweden. We have a couple of months ahead of us prior to the beginning of the Pool. We remember how warm the Unipol Arena was with us last year: they share all the love and the connection they feel with this team and this glorious competition. We'll give everything to try to please them and get our ticket for the Finals in Malaga”.*

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