

Mission to save the Davis Cup from oblivion

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TENNIS

A week after playing an epic Davis Cup match against Juan Martin del Potro, Andy Murray has conceded there is some merit to changing the format of one of the world's iconic sporting events.

Murray and the Argentine slugged it out for more than five hours in the opening rubber last Friday, with del Potro clinching what turned out to be the decisive match in the semi-final.

Anyone viewing the tie in isolation would think the Davis Cup was in rude health, with two elite combatants striving with every muscle to claim victory for their nation in front of 12,000 fans in Glasgow.

But the International Tennis Federation is mindful the signs in general are far less positive and is considering changes to the Davis and Fed Cups to ensure both remain the sport's premier teams events.

The ITF is considering abandoning a nation's right to host semi-finals and finals, on a return basis, and instead inviting neutral cities and countries to bid for the deciders.

A final-four event is proposed for the Fed Cup, which would see the semi-finals and final played in succession in the same city, with the competition's world group extended from eight to 16 nations. Consideration is also being given to the merits of Davis Cup rubbers being played over three sets.

While Australia and nations such as France still draw their best players, decent crowds and reasonable publicity, it is not necessarily the case elsewhere.

Tennis Australia and the USTA, the bodies in charge of the two most successful Davis Cup nations in history, are adding another layer of argument with their support for the Laver Cup.



GETTY IMAGES
Britain's Andy Murray

Driven by Roger Federer and based on a Ryder Cup-style format, it will make its debut next year in Prague, with a follow-up played in 2018 in the US.

ITF president David Haggerty said the mooted changes to the Davis and Fed Cups would be discussed at an AGM next August.

"We have enjoyed significant fan interest in both competitions over recent years and remain determined to grow that passion and support globally," Haggerty said.

"The potential changes outlined today will help these unique international team tennis competitions to grow and prosper."

Murray, who led Britain to victory in the Davis Cup last year, is not convinced about the idea of abandoning host privileges for finals.

"With the neutral venue, I am not sold on that," he said. "I do love the home and away atmosphere that we get in the Davis Cup just now."

"It is something that we, as tennis players, aren't really used to because when we travel around the world, we are playing in neutral venues a lot of the time and the home and away aspect of the Davis Cup is something that I enjoy and makes it different."

Paul McNamee, a member of Australia's victorious 1983 and 1986 sides, is agnostic at some elements up for vote.

"So the Davis Cup semis and finals would resemble a regular tournament. Shame on the ITF. Change it, yes, but not like this. Dear me," he wrote on Twitter.

Murray, who was speaking prior to a charity match in Glasgow, has long been a staunch supporter of best-of-five matches amid suggestions from some that the longer concept is outdated.

But he conceded there might be merit in shortening Davis Cup matches, with ties played over two days instead of three.

Depending on the format, this could avoid situations such as the one that occurred in Australia's win over Slovakia in Sydney last weekend in a playoff to retain a spot in the world group.

The Australians claimed the tie on Saturday so Sunday's matches were dead, though rain ultimately washed out the day.

"A lot of the players have spoken about that, about shortening the format, maybe playing it over Saturday and Sunday, best of three sets," Murray said. "I like that idea. If it doesn't work, you can always change back."

"A lot of the top players have spoken about the scheduling and format of the Davis Cup for a number of years and nothing has changed, so trying something new would give the event a lift for sure in terms of the participation of the top players."

Meanwhile, the Tennis Integrity Unit has banned French professional Constant Lesstienne for seven months after he placed bets on 220 matches between 2012 and 2015. The 24-year-old, who is ranked 164, did not wager on any matches he was involved in.

Half of the sentence is suspended, so too a \$10,000 fine provided he assists the TIU in anti-corruption measures.

Ricciardo get his teeth into dream F1 track



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Formula One driver Daniel Ricciardo shows off his custom-designed Scalextric racing track inspired by his favourite circuits

The Grand Prix star can't beat Nic Nat on a Scalextric circuit

TRENT DALTON
MOTORSPORT

That smile has its own T-shirt; that top lip grin that curves like a Monaco chicane opening to an Albert Park straight of perfect white teeth.

"Smile like you're Danny Ricciardo," the shirt demands. Some 200 Perth Formula One fans heartily obeyed that instruction yesterday as hometown hero Daniel Ricciardo packed out the local Crown Casino sports bar to unveil his personally designed Scalextric racing

track inspired by iconic F1 tracks he's sped through around the world.

Naturally, Ricciardo's dream racetrack was a deadly circuit of brutal corners and white-lightning straights that saw his model Red Bull car collide violently with his lone competitor car finger-steered with a surprisingly deft touch by the AFL tragic's old mate, West Coast Eagles superstar Nic Naitanui.

"Trust me, driving the real thing is a lot more exhilarating," Ricciardo said. Fresh from a valiant second-place finish in the Singapore Grand Prix last Sunday, Ricciardo is briefly home to see family and friends and spread the word on Fox Sports' exclusive coverage of the 2016 Formula

One Championship which heads to Malaysia next weekend.

There was reason to throw that million-dollar smile yesterday as

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DANIEL RICCIARDO

Ricciardo looked back on a hot and heartening streak of four championship podium finishes from his past five races.

"It's one of those seasons that has worked well," he said. "Last year, the team was always trying but it didn't always work out. It

was a bit more of a fight. Whereas, this year most things we've put on the car are working."

He was careful to balance the backslaps with insight into the challenge of conquering Mercedes duo Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton, who have largely fought off his courageous shots at securing his first race victory since 2014.

"The big thing they've had for the last few years is the power," he said.

"It seems when they want to they can turn it up a bit more. We've still got some gains to make there but that would be the bigger difference."

Yesterday Ricciardo was sensing the slow build that might see him conquer Mercedes and even

take out the championship in 2017. "I've got momentum on my side," he said. "(Rosberg and Hamilton) have had it pretty easy the last few years."

"It's about time we made them a bit nervous. They're still controlling a lot of the races. It's nice to give them a hard time."

He took approximately one-tenth of a second to respond to a question of who would win the championship on a perfectly even playing field.

"Me," he said. "Otherwise I'm wasting my time."

And in the battle of the Ricciardo Scalextric track racers yesterday, the beaming underdog winner inspired a new T-shirt of his own: "Smile like you're Nic Nat!"

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Applying for a grant

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