

# Davis Cup Finals

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**Team Russian Tennis Federation**

**Shamil Tarpishchev**

**Aslan Karatsev**

**Andrey Rublev**

Press Conference

KARATSEV-RUBLEV/Granollers-Lopez

4-6, 6-2, 6-4

Russian Tennis Federation - 2

Spain - 1

THE MODERATOR: Questions in English.

**Q. Aslan, how would you sum up your Davis Cup Finals experience so far? Looking ahead to Sweden, who you've got in the quarterfinals, what are your thoughts on that?**

ASLAN KARATSEV: I was trying not to think about that. It was really tough. When we step up on the court, we will be tight, especially me. Like you can see a couple volleys in the beginning of the match.

But yeah, we try to focus on our game, what we have to do. The first set, we lost it. Second set we come out more aggressive. The percentages were more higher, and then we close out in the third set. Was really tight, but, yeah, managed to close the match.

**Q. Andrey, obviously we spoke after the loss today, a day where you lost in singles but won an important doubles. How do you reflected on the day as a whole?**

ANDREY RUBLEV: Of course the day was super tough, not easy. Spain is super tough team, they have amazing players and amazing doubles players.

I think it's a great, great result, especially in doubles for me and for Aslan for the future to feel that we can beat great doubles players who compete on a top level, in the Nitto Finals and tournaments like that, to bring for us more



confidence to play against them. I think today was a great challenge for us.

**Q. Aslan, did you sort of set your sights when you came here to Madrid, was it win, as in win the title here? Is that what sort of success is for your team, or was it get through to the knockout stages? What was your goal when you got here?**

ASLAN KARATSEV: Of course everybody arrive here to win the title. Every player will give 100% to win the title. We have unbelievable team, strong team. Everybody push until their limits.

Yeah, we're looking for the champions.

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