The Azzurri's Tennis Dynasty Continues with Another Davis Cup Title

A day in Bologna that Italian fans will remember for years to come. By the time play started, the noise inside the stadium was already rolling, and Italy gave the crowd exactly what they came for. On Sunday, 23 November, the Azzurri beat Spain 2–0 to win the Davis Cup for the third year in a row. It was their fourth Davis Cup overall, and the first time in this three year run that they lifted the trophy on home soil. Nearly ten thousand fans were on their feet, singing and shouting, and most of them stayed in their seats long after the last point was played.

Matteo Berrettini gave Italy the start they needed. He served big, kept points short, and hardly gave Pablo Carreno a chance on return. The score said it all. 6–3 6–4, 13 aces, no break points, finished in 79 minutes. It was his 11th Davis Cup singles win in a row since 2022. Once Italy went 1–0 ahead, the fans made even more noise, and the match seemed to turn clearly in Italy's favour.

The second match turned into a real fight. Flavio Cobolli started not the way he wanted against Jaume Munar and very quickly found himself down 1–6 0–1. At that stage, it really felt like the tie was heading for a deciding doubles. Cobolli didn't let it go. He broke straight back, stayed with Munar in a tight second set and finally took the tiebreak on his seventh set point. In the third set, both players kept holding serve up to 5–5. Then Cobolli finally broke Munar's serve and finished the match on his own serve: 1–6 7–6(5) 7–5 in 2 hours 56 minutes.

It's impossible to describe this feeling. I dreamed a lot for this night," Cobolli said in his on court interview after the match.
"We cannot lose for our country. Sometimes you learn, but you never lose. I don't know what I did today. I don't know where I am. The only thing I know is that I am a world champion." It sounded like a young player still trying to process what he had just done.

This final did not have the biggest stars on court. No Jannik Sinner for Italy and no Carlos Alcaraz for Spain but the tension and impact was still very high. Berrettini gave Italy the first point, and Cobolli finished the job with a brave win in the second match.

Just two days earlier, the 23 year old had saved seven match points against Belgium's Zizou Bergs in a long 32 point tiebreak to put Italy into the final. To come back again and play almost three hours in another big match showed the potential of a young heart.

The numbers also show how big this win was. Italy is the first team since the United States to win three Davis Cups in a row in the modern era, and they did it this week without Top-10 names Jannik Sinner and Lorenzo Musetti. Spain, also without Alcaraz, reached the final with wins over Czechia and Germany, But In the end, Italy's squad strength made the difference. This run also puts Italy in an extraordinary club. Apart from the USA and Australia, they are the only country to win the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup in more than one season.

For Asian tennis, the message from Italy is very simple. A team event is never about just one star. You can have one Bublik or one Rybakina, one Nishikori or one Osaka, one Paes or one Sania, players who can light up a day, a tie, even a whole season. But to win these weeks again and again, you also need a solid team around them. Italy have built exactly that. Many options, a captain who trusts more than two players, and a group where someone new is always ready when needed. Three titles in a row are never an accident. But for this Italian group, it has become a new normal.