

Russians face Czechs in Fed Cup showdown

Russia and the Czech Republic look set to contest a close Fed Cup final in Moscow – Russia are narrow favourites after a 5-0 semi-final victory over Italy

Nov 5-6, Moscow

Surface: Indoor hard



RUSSIA



CZECH REPUBLIC

Titles: **4**, 2004, 05, 07, 08

Titles: **5**, 1975, 83, 84, 85, 88



Captain: **Shamil Tarpishev**

Head-to-head record
Two wins apiece

Captain:
Petr Pala

Vera Zvonareva
(age 27)
Singles rank **6**
Doubles rank **84**
Fed Cup record
W8-L2



Petra Kvitová (age 21)
Singles rank **3**
Doubles rank **360**
Fed Cup record
W9-L5



Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
(20)
Singles rank **15**
Doubles rank **62**
W4-L2

Lucie Safarova (24)
Singles rank **24**
Doubles rank **132**
W5-L8



Svetlana Kuznetsova (26)
Singles rank **19**
Doubles rank **87**
W21-L7



Lucie Hradecká (26)
Singles rank **46**
Doubles rank **15**
W2-L3



Maria Kirilenko (24)
Singles rank **27**
Doubles rank **5**
W1-L1

Kveta Peschke (36)
Singles rank **n/a**
Doubles rank **2=**
W15-L15



ROUTE TO THE FINAL

Russia	3-2	France	<i>First round</i>	Slovakia	2-3	Czech Rep.
Italy	0-5	Russia	<i>Semi-final</i>	Czech Rep.	3-2	Belgium