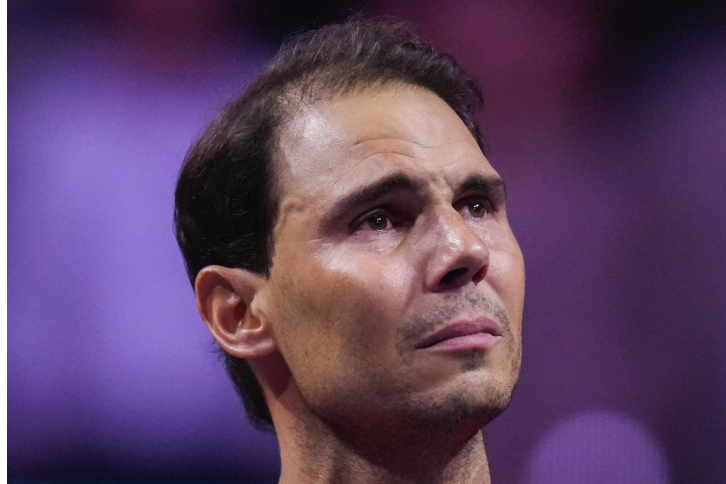


Rafael Nadal ends legendary Career in emotional Davis Cup Farewell



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Rafael Nadal's extraordinary tennis career concluded in heartbreak as the 38-year-old lost 6-4, 6-4 to Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp at the Davis Cup Finals. Despite his enduring determination, Nadal fell short in his final competitive match.

Spain's hopes of advancing rested on Carlos Alcaraz, who leveled the quarterfinal tie by defeating Tallon Griekspoor. However, in the decisive doubles, the Dutch duo of Wesley Koolhof and Van de

Zandschulp sealed victory, denying Nadal one last chance to compete in the semifinals.

From the sidelines, Nadal passionately cheered for his teammates, but his emotions betrayed the realization that his illustrious journey had reached its end. A tearful Nadal addressed his fans, family, and teammates, reflecting on his humble beginnings and the unforgettable experiences tennis afforded him. “I just want to be remembered as a good person and a kid that followed their dreams,” he said.

Having won four Davis Cup titles and a record 14 French Open crowns, Nadal’s legacy is unmatched. His first and last losses in the Davis Cup created a poetic full-circle moment.

Tributes poured in, including from Roger Federer, who penned a heartfelt letter to his rival and friend. Federer wrote, “You beat me—a lot. You challenged me in ways no one else could.”

Nadal signed off in Malaga with fans chanting “Gracias Rafa,” marking the end of an era for one of tennis’ greatest icons.