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LEANDER PAES DECIDES TO STEP DOWN AS CAPTAIN OF THE INDIAN DAVIS CUP TEAM FOR THE ROMANIA TIE

Indian No. 1 Davis Cupper Leander Paes informed Mr Anil Khanna, Executive Vice President & Secretary General in a meeting held in Beijing just after the tennis event that he would like to step down as captain of the Indian Davis Cup Team for the tie against Romania as he wanted the best Davis Cup Team to represent the nation and did not want to leave any doubt in anyone's mind for their non-participation to represent the country in the biggest team event.

Leander Paes holds the highest win-loss record for India having won 83 Davis Cup matches and lost 31. In a career spanning over last 17 years he has played 44 Davis Cup ties. Leander took over as the Playing Captain of the Indian Davis Cup Team after Ramesh Krishnan stepped down as Non-Playing Captain.

The AITA has decided to appoint Mr S.P. Misra, former Davis Cup Player and member of the Indian Team which went into the Challenge Round in 1966, as the Non-Playing Captain for the tie against Romania.

The Selection Committee has selected the following four (4) players to represent India in the forthcoming Davis Cup Tie against Romania to be held on red clay in Clubul Sportiv Progresul, Bucuresti having 4800 seats from 19th to 21st Sep 2008:-

1. Leander Paes
2. Mahesh Bhupathi
3. Somdev Devvarman
4. Prakash Amritraj

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