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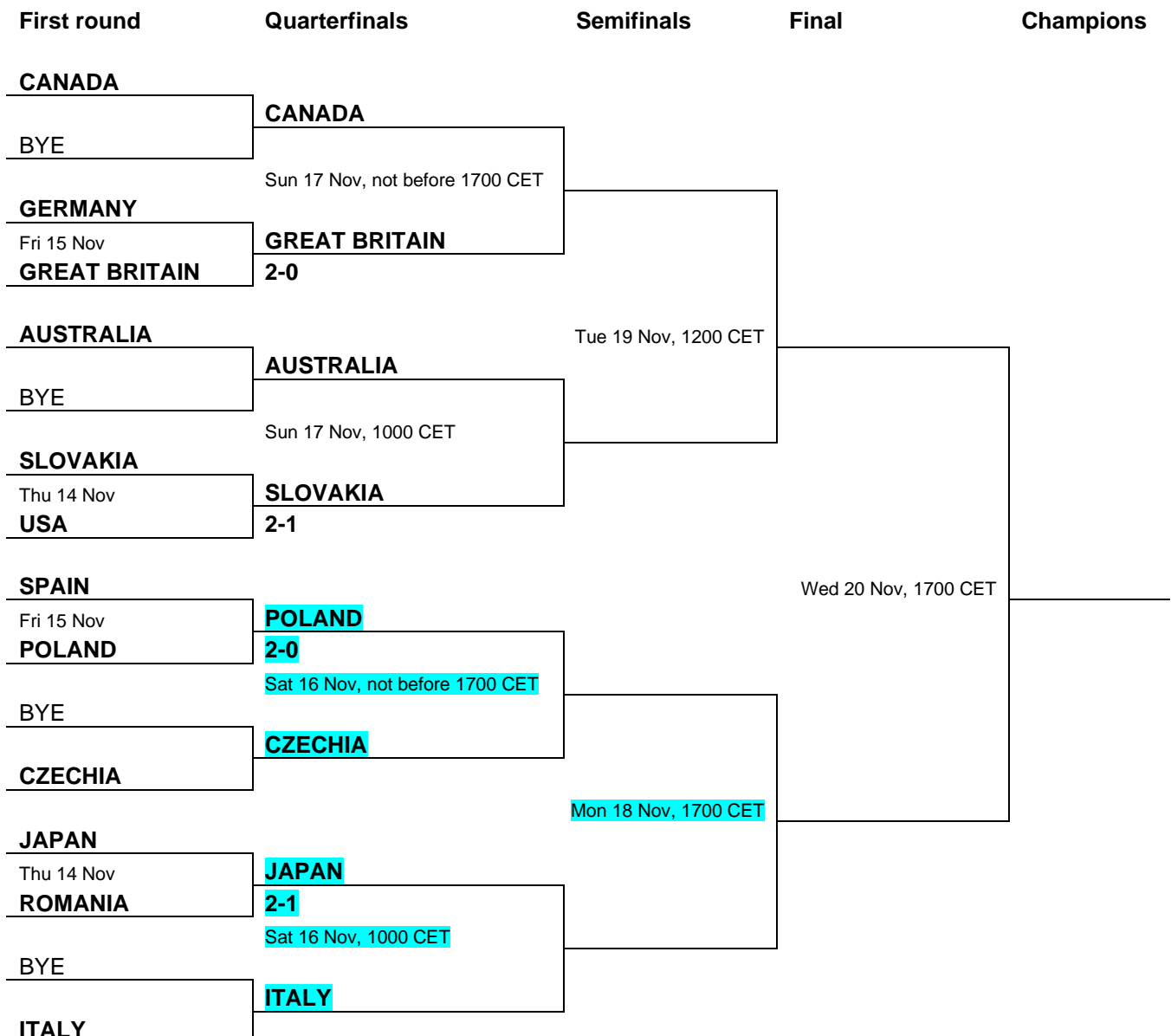
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On court today:

- Japan's stunning comeback against Romania on Thursday earned Ai Sugiyama's team a quarterfinal clash with last year's runners-up, Italy – the first time the 2 nations have met in Billie Jean King Cup. Another victory for Japan will see them equal their best result in the competition, having previously reached the semifinals in 1996. In today's second quarterfinal, Poland look to continue the momentum from a win against Spain on Friday when they face the 2nd-most successful nation in Billie Jean King Cup history, Czechia – who, like Italy, received a bye through the first round.



JAPAN v ITALY

Head-to-head: first meeting

JAPAN	v	ITALY
15	BJK Cup Nations Ranking	3
Semifinals 1996	Best BJK Cup Result	Champions 4 times (2006, 2009, 2010, 2013)
1964	First Year Played	1963
56	Seasons Played	61
176	Ties Played	150
109-67	Ties Win-Loss	85-65

Route to the quarterfinals

JAPAN	Round	ITALY
Japan defeated Kazakhstan 3-1 Hibino (JPN) d. Danilina (KAZ) 6-1 6-0 Osaka (JPN) d. Putintseva (KAZ) 6-2 7-6(5) Hibino (JPN) d. Putintseva (KAZ) 6-4 3-6 7-6(7) Osaka (JPN) v Danilina (KAZ) – not played Danilina/Kulambayeva (KAZ) d. Aoyama/Shibahara (JPN) 7-6(7) 3-6 [11-9]	Qualifiers	As 2023 runners-up, Italy qualified automatically for the 2024 Finals and received a bye through the first round
Japan defeated Romania 2-1 Bogdan (ROU) d. Hibino (JPN) 6-2 6-4 Shibahara (JPN) d. Cristian (ROU) 6-4 7-6(2) Aoyama/Hozumi (JPN) d. Niculescu/Ruse (ROU) 6-1 7-5	Finals first round	

Semifinal head-to-heads

	Poland	Czechia
Japan	1-1	0-1
Italy	1-0	5-5

Japan – Team Information

- **JAPAN** are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup semifinals for the 2nd time and equal their best result in the competition. This is their first appearance at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals.
- Japan **advanced to the Finals** after defeating Kazakhstan 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Tokyo in April, winning the opening 3 singles matches before losing the doubles match after the tie had already been decided.
- **Last season**, Japan qualified for the Play-offs by defeating Korea, Republic, Thailand, Uzbekistan, India, and China, P.R. to finish in first place in Pool A at the Asia/Oceania I event in Tashkent in April. They then defeated Colombia 3-2 in the Play-offs in Tokyo in November to reach the Qualifiers for the first time since 2020.
- Japan's **best Billie Jean King Cup result** is reaching the semifinals in 1996 (l. USA). Their appearance at the Finals this year marks their best result since the current format was adopted in 2020.
- Japan are ranked No. 15 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They reached their highest ranking of No. 6 in April 2012.
- **Captain Ai Sugiyama** has led the Japanese team since 2023 and has a perfect 8-0 win-loss record as captain. As a player, she represented Japan in Billie Jean King Cup between 1996 and 2009 and had a 25-22 overall match win-loss record. She is in 2nd place on the list for Billie Jean King Cup total match-wins by a Japanese player, is in 4th place on the list for singles match-wins and ties played in Billie Jean King Cup by a Japanese player and is in joint-5th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup doubles match-wins by a Japanese player.

Japan – Historical Information

Most Billie Jean King Cup match-wins by a Japanese player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Kazuko Sawamatsu	44-10
2=	Shuko Aoyama	25-5
	Ai Sugiyama	25-22
4=	Rika Fujiwara	23-5
	Kimiyo Hatanaka	23-10
	Ayumi Morita	23-14

Most Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins by a Japanese player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Kazuko Sawamatsu	25-5
2.	Ayumi Morita	17-9
3.	Kimiko Date	16-8
4.	Ai Sugiyama	13-17
5.	Akiko Morigami	12-4
	Shinobu Asagoe	12-8

Most Billie Jean King Cup doubles match-wins by a Japanese player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Shuko Aoyama	25-5
2.	Kazuko Sawamatsu	19-5
3.	Rika Fujiwara	18-2
4.	Eri Hozumi	15-2
5=	Ai Sugiyama	12-5
	Kimiyo Hatanaka	12-2
	Kayoko Fukuoka	12-4

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Japanese player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1=	Shuko Aoyama	30
	Kazuko Sawamatsu	30
3.	Rika Fujiwara	27
4.	Ai Sugiyama	26
5.	Kimiko Date	23

Japan – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Moyuka Uchijima	2022	2	8	6-3	0-0
Ena Shibahara	2021	4	9	1-0	8-1
Nao Hibino	2016	5	12	9-7	0-0
Eri Hozumi	2015	5	17	3-1	15-2
Shuko Aoyama	2013	10	30	0-0	25-5

- [**MOYUKA UCHIJIMA**](#)

- **Age:** 23 (born 11 August 2001 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 56 (singles), 114 (doubles)
- **2024 doubles highlights:** RU Hua Hin, Jiujiang
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Uchijima won 2 of the 3 matches she contested in the competition in 2023, defeating Korea, Republic's Ku Yeonwoo and India's Ankita Raina at the Asia/Oceania I event in April. She was won 6 of the 9 matches she has contested in the competition overall since making her debut in 2022, only ever contesting singles.

- **ENA SHIBAHARA**

- **Age:** 26 (born 12 February 1998 in Mountain View, CA, USA)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 135 (singles), 41 (doubles)
- **2024 doubles highlights:** Won Osaka; RU Tokyo; SF Indian Wells; QF Hobart, Strasbourg, Nottingham
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Shibahara made her Billie Jean King Cup singles debut on Thursday, defeating Romania's Jaqueline Cristian in straight sets. She had previously only contested doubles matches in the competition since making her debut in 2020. She has won 8 of the 9 Billie Jean King Cup doubles matches she has contested, with her defeat partnering Aoyama against Kazakhstan's Anna Danilina/Zhibek Kulambayeva in the Qualifiers in April ending an 8-match winning streak for her in Billie Jean King Cup doubles stretching back to her debut. She has not lost a doubles match in live play.

- **NAO HIBINO**

- **Age:** 29 (born 29 November 1994 in Aichi, Japan)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 152 (singles), 122 (doubles)
- **2024 doubles highlights:** SF Rouen; QF Osaka
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Hibino has won 5 of the last 8 matches she has contested in Billie Jean King Cup competition since returning to the Japanese team for the first time since 2019 at the 2023 Play-offs, including defeating Anna Danilina and Yulia Putintseva in Japan's 3-1 victory against Kazakhstan in the Qualifiers this year. She fell to Romania's Ana Bogdan in her first match at this year's Finals on Thursday. She has a 9-7 singles win-loss record in the competition overall since making her debut in 2016 and has never contested a Billie Jean King Cup doubles match.

- **ERI HOZUMI**

- **Age:** 30 (born 17 February 1994 in Kanagawa, Japan)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** unranked (singles), 45 (doubles)
- **2024 doubles highlights:** Won Tokyo; RU Cleveland, Hong Kong; SF Hobart, Charleston, Rabat; QF Linz, Cluj-Napoca, San Diego, Seoul, Osaka
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Hozumi has won 15 of the 17 Billie Jean King Cup doubles matches she has contested, including all 6 matches she played in the competition since the beginning of last year – partnering Aoyama in 5 matches at the 2023 Asia/Oceania I event and partnering Aoyama again in the decisive doubles victory against Romania's Monica Niculescu/Elena-Gabriela Ruse on Wednesday. She has also won 3 of the 4 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she has contested.

- **SHUKO AOYAMA**

- **Age:** 36 (born 19 December 1987 in Osaka, Japan)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** unranked (singles), 47 (doubles)
- **2024 doubles highlights:** Won Tokyo; RU Cleveland, Hong Kong; QF Adelaide, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, 's-Hertogenbosch, Bad Homburg, Seoul, Osaka
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Aoyama has won 14 of the last 15 matches she has contested in Billie Jean King Cup, including her decisive doubles victory alongside Hozumi against Romania's Niculescu/Ruse on Thursday. Her only defeat in that time came alongside Shibahara against Kazakhstan's Anna Danilina/Zhibek Kulambayeva in the Qualifiers in April, which ended a 13-match winning streak in Billie Jean King Cup doubles matches, stretching back to 2019. She will claim sole ownership of the record for most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Japanese player, ahead of Kazuko Sawamatsu, if she contests another tie this week. She will also claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup matches won by a Japanese player, ahead of her captain Ai Sugiyama, if she wins another match this week.

Italy – Team Information

- **ITALY** are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup semifinals for the 2nd time since 2014. They are making their 3rd appearance at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals this year.
- **Last season**, Italy recorded their best Billie Jean King Cup result since last winning the title in 2013, finishing as runners-up, falling to Canada in the final in Seville. The team defeated Slovakia 3-2 in the Qualifiers in Bratislava in April, and overcame France 2-1 and Germany 3-0 in the group stage before defeating Slovenia 2-0 in the semifinals before falling to Canada 0-2 in the final. As runners-up in 2023, they qualified automatically for the 2024 Finals.
- Italy are **4-time Billie Jean King Cup champions** – winning the title in 2006 (d. Belgium), 2009 (d. USA), 2010 (d. USA) and 2013 (d. Russia). They are bidding to become the 6th nation to win the title on 5 or more occasions this season – after USA (18 titles), Czechia (11), Australia (7), Spain (5) and Russia (5).
- Italy are one of only four nations to have **competed in every Billie Jean King Cup season** – alongside Australia, France and Great Britain.
- Italy are ranked No. 4 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They have held the No. 1 ranking for 2 separate spells – from November 2009 to April 2012 and again from November 2013 to April 2014. They are one of 8 nations to have held the No. 1 ranking since they were introduced in November 2002 – alongside Australia, Canada, Czechia, France, Russia, Slovakia and Switzerland.
- **Captain Tathiana Garbin** has led the Italian team since 2017 and has a 12-7 overall win-loss record as captain, including leading Italy to the final last year, their first final in the competition since last winning the title in 2013. She represented Italy in Billie Jean King Cup between 1999 and 2008 and has a 6-7 win-loss record as a player.

Italy – Historical Information

Most Billie Jean King Cup match-wins by an Italian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Francesca Schiavone	27-22
2.	Sara Errani	26-21
3.	Flavia Pennetta	25-5
4=	Silvia Farina Elia	23-11
	Roberta Vinci	23-8

Most Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins by an Italian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Francesca Schiavone	23-21
2=	Silvia Farina Elia	21-8
	Flavia Pennetta	21-4
4.	Sara Errani	16-16
5.	Raffaella Reggi-Concato	14-6

Most Billie Jean King Cup doubles match-wins by an Italian player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Roberta Vinci	18-1
2.	Sara Errani	10-5
3=	Giulia Casoni	7-1
	Lea Percoli	7-7
5=	Laura Golarsa	6-4
	Patrizia Murgo	6-2
	Sabina Simmonds	6-6

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by an Italian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Sandra Cecchini	25
2=	Sara Errani	24
	Francesca Schiavone	24
	Roberta Vinci	24
5=	Silvia Farina Elia	21
	Raffaella Reggi-Concato	21

Italy – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Jasmine Paolini	2017	6	17	6-7	2-6
Elisabetta Cocciaretto	2018	4	10	5-3	3-2
Lucia Bronzetti	2022	2	3	0-0	1-2
Sara Errani	2008	12	24	16-16	10-5
Martina Trevisan	2017	5	15	6-4	5-3

• [JASMINE PAOLINI](#)

- **Age:** 28 (born 4 January 1996 in Castelnuovo di Garfagnana, Italy)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 4 (singles), 10 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** Won Dubai; RU Roland Garros, Wimbledon; SF Eastbourne; QF Stuttgart, Wuhan; R16 Australian Open, Indian Wells, Madrid, US Open
- **2024 doubles highlights:** Won Linz, Rome, Paris 2024 Olympics, Beijing; RU Roland Garros; SF Miami; QF Cincinnati
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Paolini won 3 of the 5 matches she contested in the competition in 2023 as Italy reached their first Billie Jean King Cup final since winning their 4th title in 2013. She defeated France's Caroline Garcia and Germany's Anna-Lena Friedsam in the Finals group stage, and Tamara Zidansek to seal the tie in Italy's 2-0 victory against Slovenia in the semifinals, before falling to Leylah Fernandez as Italy fell 0-2 to Canada in the final. She has won 8 of the 21 matches she has contested in the competition across singles and doubles since making her debut in 2017.

• [ELISABETTA COCCIARETTO](#)

- **Age:** 23 (born 25 January 2001 in Ancona, Italy)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 54 (singles), 132 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** SF Birmingham; QF Rabat; R16 Roland Garros
- **2024 doubles highlights:** SF Linz, Beijing
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Cocciaretto won 2 of the 4 matches she contested in the competition in 2023, partnering Trevisan to defeat Viktoria Krunckova/Tereza Mihalikova in the deciding doubles match of Italy's 3-2 victory against Slovakia in the Qualifiers, and partnered Bronzetti to defeat Germany's Anna-Lena Friedsam/Laura Siegemund in the Finals group stage. She has won 8 of the 13 matches she has contested across singles and doubles since making her debut in the competition in 2018.

• [LUCIA BRONZETTI](#)

- **Age:** 25 (born 10 December 1998 in Rimini, Italy)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 78 (singles), 278 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** SF Monastir, Guangzhou; QF Rabat
- **2024 doubles highlights:** QF Rabat; Monastir
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Bronzetti has won one of the 3 matches she has contested in Billie Jean King Cup competition since making her debut in the 2022 Qualifiers, only ever competing in doubles. She partnered Cocciaretto to defeat Germany's Friedsam/Siegemund at the 2023 Finals group stage.

- **SARA ERRANI**
 - **Age:** 37 (born 29 April 1987 in Bologna, Italy)
 - **Rankings (11 Nov):** 105 (singles), 8 (doubles)
 - **2024 singles highlights:** SF Bogota; QF Cluj-Napoca
 - **2024 doubles highlights:** Won Linz, Rome, Paris 2024 Olympics, Beijing; RU Roland Garros; SF Miami; QF Cincinnati
 - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Errani could make her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since the 2019 World Group II Play-offs this week. She will equal Francesca Schiavone in first place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup matches won by an Italian player if she wins a match this week, and will equal Sandra Cecchini in first place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup ties contested if she contests a match this week. She is in 2nd place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup doubles matches won by an Italian player, and is in 4th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup singles matches won by an Italian player. She is a 3-time Billie Jean King Cup champion, having been a member of the Italian teams that won their 2nd, 3rd and 4th titles in 2009, 2010 and 2013, and defeated Russia's Alisa Kleybanova in the 3rd match of the 2013 final to seal the title for Italy.
- **MARTINA TREVISAN**
 - **Age:** 31 (born 3 November 1993 in Florence, Italy)
 - **Rankings (11 Nov):** 126 (singles), 338 (doubles)
 - **2024 singles highlights:** QF Guadalajara, Jiujiang
 - **2024 doubles highlights:** SF Linz
 - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Trevisan won 5 of the 7 matches she contested in the competition in 2023 as Italy reached their first Billie Jean King Cup final since winning their 4th title in 2013. Her only defeats last year came partnering Cocciaretto against France's Caroline Garcia/Kristina Mladenovic in the Finals group stage and against Marina Stakusic in the first match of Italy's 0-2 defeat to Canada in the final. She has won 11 of the 18 matches she has contested across singles and doubles in the competition since her debut in 2017.

POLAND v CZECHIA

Head-to-head: Czechia lead 3-0

1966	Second round	Clay (O)	Turin (ITA)	Czechoslovakia d. Poland 3-0
1995	Europe/Africa Group I	Clay (O)	Murcia (ESP)	Czechia d. Poland 3-0
2022	Finals Group D	Hard (I)	Glasgow (GBR)	Czechia d. Poland 2-1

A 4th Billie Jean King Cup meeting for the Czechs and the Poles – and their 2nd at the Finals, after the Czechs recorded a 2-1 victory at the 2022 Finals in Glasgow thanks to a deciding doubles victory for Katerina Siniakova and Marketa Vondrousova against Katarzyna Kawa and Magda Linette.

POLAND	v	CZECHIA
9 Quarterfinals 1992, 2015, 2024	BJK Cup Nations Ranking Best BJK Cup Result	2 Champions 11 times* (most recent 2018)
1966	First Year Played	1963*
42	Seasons Played	53*
135	Ties Played	155
72-63	Ties Win-Loss	114-41
*Czechia takes Czechoslovakia's historical record (and won 5 titles as Czechoslovakia)		

Route to the Finals first round

POLAND	Round	CZECHIA
Poland defeated Switzerland 4-0 Swiatek (POL) d. Waltert (SUI) 6-3 6-1 Frech (POL) d. Naef (SUI) 6-7(8) 7-5 6-3 Swiatek (POL) d. Naef (SUI) 6-4 6-3 Waltert (SUI) v Frech (POL) – not played Chwalinska/Kawa (POL) d. Teichmann/Waltert (SUI) 7-5 6-1	Qualifiers	Czechia received a wild card to the 2024 Finals and received a bye through the first round
Poland defeated Spain 2-0 Linette (POL) d. Sorribes Tormo (ESP) 7-6(6) 2-6 6-4 Swiatek (POL) d. Badosa (ESP) 6-3 6-7(6) 6-1 Bassols Ribera/Bouzas Maneiro (ESP) v Frech/Kawa (POL) – not played	Finals first round	

Semifinal head-to-heads

	Japan	Italy
Poland	1-1	0-1
Czechia	1-0	5-5

Poland – Team Information

- **POLAND** are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup semifinals for the first time. They are making their 3rd appearance at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals.
- Poland **advanced to the Finals** after defeating Switzerland 4-0 in the Qualifiers in Biel in April.
- **Last season**, Poland fell to Kazakhstan in the Qualifiers in Astana in April before being awarded a wild card to the Finals. The team finished in 3rd place in Group C, falling to Canada and Germany 0-3.
- By reaching the quarterfinals this year, Poland have **equalled their best Billie Jean King Cup result**. They have reached the last 8 on 2 other occasions – when they reached the quarterfinals in 1992 (l. Germany) and when they competed in the World Group in 2015, falling to Russia in the first round.

- Poland are ranked No. 9 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They reached their highest ranking of No. 7 in April 2014.
- **Captain Dawid Celt** has led the Polish team since 2018, and has a 12-7 overall win-loss record as captain. He never represented his nation in Davis Cup competition.

Poland – Historical Information

Most Billie Jean King Cup match-wins by a Polish player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Agnieszka Radwanska	42-11
2.	Alicja Rosolska	28-13
3.	Magdalena Feistel	23-20
4.	Klaudia Jans-Ignacik	20-12
5.	Magda Linette	17-15

Most Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins by a Polish player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Agnieszka Radwanska	34-9
2.	Magda Linette	13-12
3.	Urszula Radwanska	12-14
4.	Aleksandra Olsza	11-5
5.	Iga Swiatek	10-2

Most Billie Jean King Cup doubles match-wins by a Polish player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Alicja Rosolska	28-13
2.	Klaudia Jans-Ignacik	20-11
3.	Magdalena Feistel	15-8
4.	Katarzyna Teodorowicz-Lisowska	12-10
5.	Agnieszka Radwanska	8-2

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Polish player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Alicja Rosolska	41
2.	Agnieszka Radwanska	35
3.	Klaudia Jans-Ignacik	32
4.	Magda Linette	25
5.	Magdalena Feistel	24

Poland – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Iga Swiatek	2018	6	11	10-2	2-1
Magdalena Frech	2016	7	13	7-6	3-0
Magda Linette	2011	10	25	13-12	4-3
Maja Chwalinska	2019	3	4	0-0	3-1
Katarzyna Kawa	2016	5	6	0-2	3-3

- **IGA SWIATEK**

- **Age:** 23 (born 31 May 2001 in Warsaw, Poland)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 2 (singles), unranked (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** Won Doha, Indian Wells, Madrid, Rome, Roland Garros; RU United Cup (as part of Team Poland); SF Dubai, Stuttgart, Paris 2024 Olympics (Bronze medal), Cincinnati; QF US Open; R16 Miami
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Swiatek has won the last 8 Billie Jean King Cup matches she has contested, including defeating Simona Waltert and Celine Naef in Poland's victory against Switzerland in the Qualifiers in April this year and defeating Paula Badosa during Poland's victory against Spain at the Finals on Friday. She has not lost in the competition since falling to Ukraine's Dayana Yastremska in the 2019 Europe/Africa Group I event. She has an 11-3 win-loss record in the competition overall across singles and doubles. She will equal Aleksandra Olsza in 4th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins by a Polish player if she wins another singles match this week. She was a member of the Polish team which won the 2016 Junior Billie Jean King Cup.

- **MAGDALENA FRECH**

- **Age:** 26 (born 15 December 1997 in Lodz, Poland)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 25 (singles), 613 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** Won Guadalajara; RU Prague; QF Nottingham, Monterrey, Wuhan; R16 Australian Open, Beijing
- **2024 doubles highlights:** QF Nottingham
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Frech has won 10 of the 17 matches she has played in the competition since making her debut in 2016, including defeating Naef in Poland's 4-0 victory against Switzerland in the qualifiers in April.

- **MAGDA LINETTE**

- **Age:** 32 (born 12 February 1992 in Poznan, Poland)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 38 (singles), 75 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** Won Prague; RU Rouen; QF Strasbourg, Wuhan; R16 Beijing
- **2024 doubles highlights:** SF Abu Dhabi; QF Brisbane, Charleston, 's-Hertogenbosch
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Linette claimed sole ownership of 2nd place on the list of most Billie Jean King Cup singles matches won by a Polish player, ahead of Urszula Radwanska, by defeating Sara Sorribes Tormo during Poland's victory against Spain on Friday. She also claimed sole ownership of 4th place on the list of most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Polish player, ahead of Magdalena Feistel, by competing in the tie.

- **MAJA CHWALINSKA**

- **Age:** 23 (born 11 October 2001 in Dabrowa Gornicza, Poland)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 165 (singles), 183 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Chwalinska has won 3 of the 4 matches she has contested in Billie Jean King Cup competition since making her debut in 2019, only ever competing in doubles, including partnering Kawa to defeat Jil Teichmann/Waltert in Poland's 4-0 victory against Switzerland in the Qualifiers in April this year, her first appearance in the competition since the Europe/Africa Group I event in 2020. Her only defeat came partnering Alicja Rosolska against Slovenia's Kaja Juvan/Pia Lovric at that same Europe/Africa Group I event in 2020. She was a member of the Polish team which won the 2016 Junior Billie Jean King Cup.

- **KATARZYNA KAWA**

- **Age:** 31 (born 17 November 1992 in Krynica-Zdroj, Poland)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 258 (singles), 93 (doubles)
- **2024 doubles highlights:** RU Austin; QF Hua Hin, Nottingham
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Kawa has won 3 of the 8 matches she has contested in Billie Jean King Cup competition since making her debut in 2016, including partnering Chwalinska to defeat Teichmann/Waltert in Poland's 4-0 victory against Switzerland in the Qualifiers in April this year. She has lost both singles matches she has contested in the competition.

Czechia – Team Information

- **CZECHIA** are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup semifinals for the 3rd consecutive year. They are making their 4th appearance at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals.
- **Last season**, Czechia defeated Ukraine 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Antalya to secure their place at the Finals. The team finished in 1st place in Group A, defeating Switzerland 3-0 and USA 2-1, before falling to Canada 1-2 in the semifinals.
- Czechia have **won 6 Billie Jean King Cup titles since 2011** – in 2011 (d. Russia), 2012 (d. Serbia), 2014 (d. Germany), 2015 (d. Russia), 2016 (d. France) and 2018 (d. USA). As Czechoslovakia, the team won 5 titles – in 1975, 1983-85 and 1988.
- Czechia are bidding to **win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 12th time**. They are 2nd on the all-time list for most titles won, behind USA (18 titles).
- **Prior to 1993**, Czech players competed for Czechoslovakia. Czechia have inherited Czechoslovakia's historic Billie Jean King Cup record.
- Czechia are ranked at No. 2 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They first reached the No. 1 ranking in April 2012 and held the top ranking for more than 5 years, from April 2014 to November 2019. They are one of 8 nations to have held the No. 1 ranking since they were introduced in November 2002 – alongside Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Russia, Slovakia and Switzerland.
- **Captain Petr Pala** has led the Czech team since 2008, leading them to the title in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018. He has a perfect 6-0 win-loss record in Billie Jean King Cup finals as captain, the best in competition history, and has a 32-8 overall win-loss record as captain. He never represented his nation in Davis Cup competition.

Czechia – Historical Information

Most Billie Jean King Cup match-wins by a Czech player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Helena Sukova	57-16
2.	Hana Mandlikova	49-12
3.	Jana Novotna	33-12
4.	Petra Kvitova	30-11
5.	Barbora Strycova	22-11

Most Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins by a Czech player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Helena Sukova	45-11
2.	Hana Mandlikova	34-6
3.	Petra Kvitova	30-10
4.	Jana Novotna	22-7
5.	Lucie Safarova	13-11

Most Billie Jean King Cup doubles match-wins by a Czech player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Hana Mandlikova	15-6
2.	Helena Sukova	12-5
3=	Jana Novotna	11-5
	Barbora Strycova	11-4
5.	Kveta Peschke	10-7

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Czech player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Helena Sukova	54
2.	Hana Mandlikova	45
3.	Jana Novotna	33
4=	Petra Kvitova Lucie Safarova	22 22

Czechia – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Linda Noskova	2023	1	1	1-0	0-0
Marie Bouzkova	2023	1	1	1-0	0-0
Katerina Siniakova	2017	6	12	5-3	5-5
Sara Bejlek	2024	0	0	0-0	0-0
Dominika Salkova	2024	0	0	0-0	0-0

• [LINDA NOSKOVA](#)

- **Age:** 19 (turns 20 on Sunday, born 17 November 2004 in Vsetin, Czechia)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 26 (singles), 65 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** Won Monterrey; SF Brisbane, Prague; QF Australian Open
- **2024 doubles highlights:** RU Abu Dhabi; SF Berlin, Paris 2024 Olympics (4th place), Cincinnati
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Noskova made her Billie Jean King Cup debut at the 2023 Finals, winning the only match she contested defeating Celine Naef in Czechia's 3-0 victory against Switzerland in Group A. She was a member of the Czech team which finished runners-up in the 2019 Junior Billie Jean King Cup.

• [MARIE BOUZKOVA](#)

- **Age:** 26 (born 21 July 1998 in Prague, Czechia)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 45 (singles), 49 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** RU Bogota, Washington; SF Jiujiang; QF Auckland, Guadalajara
- **2024 doubles highlights:** RU Auckland; SF Doha, Bogota, Birmingham; QF Abu Dhabi; R16 US Open
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Bouzkova made her Billie Jean King Cup debut at the 2023 Finals, winning the only match she contested, defeating Viktorija Golubic in Czechia's 3-0 victory against Switzerland in Group A.

• [KATERINA SINIAKOVA](#)

- **Age:** 28 (born 10 May 1996 in Hradec Kralove, Czechia)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 46 (singles), 1 (doubles)
- **2024 singles highlights:** SF Cleveland, Guangzhou; QF Berlin, Bad Homburg
- **2024 doubles highlights:** Won Dubai, Roland Garros, Wimbledon, Prague, Guangzhou; RU Indian Wells, WTA Finals; SF Australian Open, San Diego, Berlin, US Open; QF Adelaide, Rome, Paris 2024 Olympics, Cincinnati
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Siniakova won 2 of the 4 matches she contested in Billie Jean King Cup competition in 2023, partnering Barbora Krejckova to defeat Switzerland's Viktorija Golubic/Jil Teichmann and USA's Danielle Collins/Taylor Townsend in the group stage, but fell to Collins in singles in the group stage and to Canada's Gabriela Dabrowski/Leylah Fernandez in the semifinals alongside Krejckova. She won both matches she played during the 2018 final, when she defeated Alison Riske and Sofia Kenin to secure the title for Czechia.

• [SARA BEJLEK](#)

- **Age:** 18 (born 31 January 2006 in Hrusovany nad Jevisovkou, Czechia)
- **Rankings (11 Nov):** 142 (singles), unranked (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Bejlek could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the 2nd time. She was also nominated for Czechia's 2023 Qualifiers victory against Ukraine but did not contest a match.

- [DOMINIKA SALKOVA](#)
 - **Age:** 20 (born 28 June 2004)
 - **Rankings (11 Nov):** 164 (singles), 281 (doubles)
 - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Salkova could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.