

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP BY BNP PARIBAS FINALS 2021

GROUP STAGE PREVIEW NOTES

Group A	France, Russian Tennis Federation (RTF), Canada
Group B	Australia, Belarus, Belgium
Group C	USA, Spain, Slovakia
Group D	Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland

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FORMAT

The 12 teams at the Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas Finals are divided into 4 groups of 3 teams and will contest ties in a round-robin format from Monday to Thursday. The 4 group winners will advance to the semi-finals, to be played on Friday, with the winning teams to progress to the Billie Jean King Cup Final on Saturday.

SCHEDULE

Play begins at 1030 (CET) on Monday 1 November, with defending champions France up against Canada, and Belgium taking on Belarus.

Date	Start time (CET)	Centre Court	Court One
Monday 1 November	1030	Group A France v Canada	Group B Belgium v Belarus
	Not before 1700	Group D Czech Republic v Germany	Group C Spain v Slovakia
Tuesday 2 November	1030	Group B Australia v Belgium	Group A Russian Tennis Federation v Canada
	Not before 1700	Group C USA v Slovakia	Group D Germany v Switzerland
Wednesday 3 November	1030	Group A France v Russian Tennis Federation	-----
	Not before 1700	Group C USA v Spain	-----
Thursday 4 November	1030	Group B Australia v Belarus	-----
	Not before 1700	Group D Czech Republic v Switzerland	-----
Friday 5 November	1030	Semi Final 1 Winner Group A v Winner Group C	-----
	Not before 1700	Semi Final 2 Winner Group B v Winner Group D	-----
Saturday 6 November	1600	Final Winner Semi Final 1 v Winner Semi Final 2	-----

NEW NAME, SAME GAME

This year's Finals are the first to take place since the Fed Cup was renamed the Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas in September 2020. The rebrand was the first time a major global team competition has been named after a woman and marked the beginning a new era for the historic tournament.

In addition to being a global campaigner for equality who has dedicated her life to fighting discrimination in all its forms, Billie Jean King was a member of the victorious USA team at the first edition of the competition in London in 1963. She remains the most-successful individual in the competition's history having won a total of 10 titles (7 titles as a player, including one as a playing captain, and a further 3 titles as captain).

The Finals were originally due to be held in Budapest in April 2020 but were postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Prague was announced as the new venue for the Finals in August 2021.

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money for the Billie Jean King Cup Finals 2021 is as follows:

Result	Player prize money* (USD)	National association prize money (USD)
Champions	\$1,200,000	\$650,000
Finalists	\$900,000	\$472,000
Semi-finalists	\$750,000	\$417,000
Group stages	\$400,000	\$200,000

*To be shared between all players on team

QUALIFICATION

Three teams qualified for the 2021 Billie Jean King Cup Finals automatically:

- **France** – as 2019 Billie Jean King Cup champions
- **Australia** – as 2019 Billie Jean King Cup runners-up
- **Czech Republic** – awarded a wild card

A further 8 teams advanced to the Finals after victories in the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers, which were played on 7-8 February 2020:

- **USA** – defeated Latvia 3-2 in Everett, WA, USA
- **Belarus** – defeated Netherlands 3-2 in Den Haag, Netherlands
- **Russian Tennis Federation (RTF)** – defeated Romania 3-2 in Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- **Germany** – defeated Brazil 4-0 in Florianopolis, Brazil
- **Spain** – defeated Japan 3-1 in Cartagena, Spain
- **Switzerland** – defeated Canada 3-1 in Biel, Switzerland
- **Belgium** – defeated Kazakhstan 3-1 in Kortrijk, Belgium
- **Slovakia** – defeated Great Britain 3-1 in Bratislava, Slovakia.

The 12th team to compete in the Finals are **Canada**, who replaced former host nation Hungary. Canada were the highest-ranked winning nation from the Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs, played in April 2021, with the team recording a 4-0 away victory against Serbia.

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP QUALIFIERS 2022

The 2022 Billie Jean King Cup by BNP Paribas Qualifiers will be held in Prague on Saturday 6 November at 1400 CET and will be livestreamed on www.BillieJeanKingCup.com and the competition's social media channels.

The draw will feature 18 teams, who will compete in nine home-and-away ties. The teams will include the 10 nations that finish in 3rd-12th place at the 2021 Finals, and the eight winning nations from the 2021 Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs: Great Britain, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Romania*, Ukraine. (*Romania were the highest-ranked losing nation in the 2021 Play-offs.)

The winning nations from the 2022 Qualifiers will advance to the 2022 Finals. The 2021 Billie Jean King Cup champion and runner-up will both qualify automatically for the 2022 Finals.

PAST CHAMPIONS

In total, 11 nations have won the Billie Jean King Cup – 9 of which are competing here this week. The only 3 nations competing in Prague who have not won the title are Belarus, Canada and Switzerland.

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| • USA | 18 |
| • Czech Republic (5 as Czechoslovakia) | 11 |
| • Australia | 7 |
| • Spain | 5 |
| • Italy, Russia | 4 |
| • France | 3 |
| • Germany | 2 |
| • Belgium, Slovakia, South Africa | 1 |

NATIONS AND PLAYERS

116 nations entered Billie Jean King Cup in 2020-21, while more than 400 players have been nominated to play for their team this season.

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP NATIONS RANKING

The Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking was launched at the end of 2002. It is published following every tie weekend and measures success over the preceding 4-year period, with recent performances weighted more heavily.

[Latest Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking \(19 April 2021\)](#)

1	France	26	Argentina
2	Australia	27	Sweden
3	USA	28	Mexico
4	Czech Republic	29	Korea, Rep.
5	Belarus	30	Chile
6	Germany	31	India
7	Russian Tennis Federation (RTF)	32	Colombia
8	Romania	33	Indonesia
9	Spain	34	Croatia
10	Canada	35	New Zealand
11	Slovakia	36	Turkey
12	Latvia	37	Greece
13	Great Britain	38	Austria
14	Kazakhstan	39	Estonia
15	Switzerland	40	Peru
16	Belgium	41	Bulgaria
17	Italy	42	Slovenia
18	Hungary	43	Luxembourg
19	Japan	44	Netherlands
20	Poland	45	Uzbekistan
21	Serbia	46	Venezuela
22	Brazil	47	Finland
23	China, P.R.	48	Philippines
24	Paraguay	49	Tunisia
25	Ukraine	50	Denmark

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP FINALS BY THE NUMBERS

Of the 56 nominated players at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals, there are:

- **8 players who have won at least one Billie Jean King Cup title during their careers*** - Alize Cornet, Caroline Garcia, Fiona Ferro, Lucie Hradecka, Barbora Krejckikova, Katerina Siniakova, Sloane Stephens, CoCo Vandeweghe
- **1 player who has won multiple Billie Jean King Cup titles during their careers*** - Lucie Hradecka, 4 titles
- **3 Grand Slam women's singles champions** – Angelique Kerber, Barbora Krejckikova, Sloane Stephens
- **6 Grand Slam women's doubles champions** – Caroline Garcia, Lucie Hradecka, Barbora Krejckikova, Elise Mertens, Katerina Siniakova, CoCo Vandeweghe
- **28 players who have represented their nation at the Olympic Tennis Event**
- **8 players who have won at least one Olympic medal** – Belinda Bencic, Viktorija Golubic, Lucie Hradecka, Angelique Kerber, Barbora Krejckikova, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Katerina Siniakova, Marketa Vondrousova

*defined as having been a nominated player in a team that won the Billie Jean King Cup Final

- **14 players who could make their Billie Jean King Cup debuts this week** – Clara Burel, Caroline Dolehide, Olivia Gadecki, Yuliya Hatouka, Tereza Martincova, Greet Minnen, Jule Niemeier, Nuria Parrizas-Diaz, Ellen Perez, Liudmila Samsonova, Storm Sanders, Nastasja Schunk
- **4 players who won the Junior Billie Jean King Cup title** – Daria Gavrilova, Daria Kasatkina, Veronika Kudermetova, Marketa Vondrousova
- **8 players who were born in a nation different to the one they represent** – Aliona Bolsova, Fiona Ferro, Daria Gavrilova, Rebeka Masarova, Andrea Petkovic, Jil Teichmann, Ajla Tomljanovic, Carol Zhao
- **10 players aged 30 or over** – the oldest is Lucie Hradecka (36 years 169 days*)
- **2 players aged under 20** – Olivia Gadecki (19 years 196 days*) and Nastasja Schunk (18 years 81 days*)
- **1 player who celebrates her birthday during the Finals** – Aliona Bolsova, who turns 24 on Saturday 6 November
- **10 players who have won at least one Tour-level singles title in 2021** – Belinda Bencic, Danielle Collins, Daria Kasatkina, Angelique Kerber, Barbora Krejckova, Veronika Kudermetova, Elise Mertens, Andrea Petkovic, Liudmila Samsonova, Sara Sorribes Tormo
- **15 players who have won at least one Tour-level doubles title in 2021** – Gabriela Dabrowski, Caroline Dolehide, Anna-Lena Friedsam, Lucie Hradecka, Barbora Krejckova, Veronika Kudermetova, Viktoria Kuzmova, Lidziya Marozava, Elise Mertens, Tereza Mihalikova, Greet Minnen, Ellen Perez, Andrea Petkovic, Katerina Siniakova, Jil Teichmann

*age calculated on the final day of the tournament

Of the 12 teams, there are:

- **9 teams which have previously won at least one Billie Jean King Cup title** – Australia, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Russian Tennis Federation, Slovakia, Spain, USA
- **4 teams which have been ranked No. 1 on the Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking** – Czech Republic, France, Russian Tennis Federation, Slovakia
- **3 teams which have multiple players who could make their Billie Jean King Cup debuts this week** – Australia, Germany, Spain
- **2 teams with multiple players aged 30 or over** – Germany, Spain
- **4 teams with no players aged 30 or over** – Australia, Belarus, France, USA

Of the 12 captains, there are:

- **8 captains who competed in Billie Jean King Cup or Davis Cup as players** – Igor Andreev, Julien Benneteau, Heinz Guenthart, Anabel Medina Garrigues, Alicia Molik, Tatiana Poutchek, Rainer Schuettler, Johan van Herck
- **3 captains who have won the Billie Jean King Cup title as captains** – Julien Benneteau, Petr Pala, Kathy Rinaldi
- **1 captain who also leads his nation's Davis Cup team** – Johan van Herck
- **4 captains who won at least one Grand Slam doubles title** – Julien Benneteau, Heinz Guenthart, Anabel Medina Garrigues, Alicia Molik
- **4 captains who won at least one Olympic medal** – Julien Benneteau, Anabel Medina Garrigues, Alicia Molik, Rainer Schuettler

GROUP A

Teams

France – seeded No. 1, qualified automatically as 2019 champions

Russian Tennis Federation (RTF) – unseeded, defeated Romania 3-2 in the Qualifiers to secure place at Finals

Canada – unseeded, highest-ranked winning nation at the 2021 Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs

Schedule

France v Canada – Monday 1 November, 1030, Centre Court

RTF v Canada – Tuesday 2 November, 1030, Court One

France v RTF – Wednesday 3 November, 1030, Centre Court

Fast Facts

Nation	Ranking	Best BJK Cup result	First year played	Seasons played	Ties played	Ties win-loss
France	1	Champions 3 times	1963	58	153	94-59
RTF	7	Champions 4 times	1968	44	140	96-44
Canada	10	Semi-finals 1988	1963	57	174	103-71

Captains

JULIEN BENNETEAU (FRA)

- Benneteau continues his spell as French captain and is bidding to maintain his unbeaten record, having guided the team to the title during his first season in charge in 2019. He played 14 Davis Cup ties for France between 2010 and 2018, including the 2014 Davis Cup Final in which France finished runners-up to Switzerland. He had an 11-8 overall Davis Cup win-loss record.

IGOR ANDREEV (RTF)

- Andreev became captain in April 2018, taking over from Anastasia Myskina. The team lost the first tie he oversaw, a defeat against Latvia which saw the team drop to Europe/Africa Group I – but the team have won all 5 ties they have contested since then. Andreev played Davis Cup for the RTF team between 2004 and 2012, ending his career with a 14-14 overall win-loss record.

SYLVAIN BRUNEAU (CAN)

- Former captain Bruneau steps in for the Finals this year, with current captain Heidi el-Tabakh unavailable this event. Bruneau captained the team between 2010 and 2018 before stepping down to coach Bianca Andreescu full-time, earning a 16-9 win-loss record while leading the team.

Head-to-heads

France v Canada – France leads 3-1

- A 5th meeting for France and Canada – but their first in 28 years. Canada won the first meeting between the 2 nations, in Berlin in 1980, but the French have won the teams 3 subsequent meetings – in Tokyo in 1981, in Santa Clara in 1982 and in Frankfurt in 1993.

RTF v Canada – RTF leads 2-1

- A first meeting for the 2 nations, who contested 3 ties during the 1980s but have not met since then. The USSR recorded victories over Canada in Zurich in 1983 and in Tokyo in 1989, with Canada managing a win in Vancouver in 1987.

France v RTF – RTF leads 6-3

- A 10th meeting for France and RTF, with the RTF team bidding to extend a 3-tie winning streak against France, having recorded wins in 2004, 2005 and 2011. The last French victory came in the semi-finals in Moscow in 2003.

France – Team Information

- Defending champions **FRANCE** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 4th time and equal Italy and Russia in 5th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup titles.
- France won their **3rd Billie Jean King Cup title in 2019**. The team defeated Belgium and Romania before recording a 3-2 victory against Australia in the final in Perth, with Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic winning the decisive doubles match. As 2019 champions, they qualified automatically for the Finals this year.
- France have **won the Billie Jean King Cup title on 2 other occasions** – in 1997 (d. Netherlands) and 2003 (d. USA). They have also finished runners-up on 3 occasions – in 2004-05, falling to Russia on both occasions, and 2016 (l. Czech Republic).
- France are bidding to extend a **3-tie winning streak**. They have not lost since falling to USA in the 2018 semi-finals, when they fell 3-2 on clay in Aix-en-Provence. Their last defeat on a hard court came against Switzerland in the 2017 World Group first round in Geneva.
- France's victory in the 2019 final saw them rise to No. 1 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking** and they have remained at the top of the rankings since then. They also held the No. 1 ranking between November 2003 and July 2005.

France – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Nathalie Tauziat	33-21
2.	Amelie Mauresmo	32-11
3.	Francoise Durr	31-17
4.	Gail Benedetti	26-25
5.	Kristina Mladenovic	24-10

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Amelie Mauresmo	30-9
2=	Francoise Durr	16-8
	Mary Pierce	16-10
4=	Gail Benedetti	13-15
	Nathalie Dechy	13-7
	Julie Halard-Decugis	13-10
	Nathalie Tauziat	13-12

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Nathalie Tauziat	20-9
2.	Francoise Durr	15-9
3=	Gail Benedetti	13-10
	Kristina Mladenovic	13-2
5=	Isabelle Demongeot	9-5
	Julie Halard-Decugis	9-3
	Janine Lieffrig	9-5

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a French player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Nathalie Tauziat	40
2.	Gail Benedetti	33
3.	Francoise Durr	27
4.	Mary Pierce	22
5.	Amelie Mauresmo	21

France – 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
Alize Cornet	2008	11	18	4-14	4-4
Caroline Garcia	2013	5	10	11-6	7-1
Clara Burel	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Fiona Ferro	2019	1	1	0-0	0-1

• ALIZE CORNET

- **Age:** 31 (born 22 January 1990 in Nice, France)
- **Rankings:** 60 (singles), 279 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Chicago; SF Berlin, Tenerife; QF Luxembourg
- **2021 doubles highlights:** QF Melbourne 1
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Cornet ended a 4-match losing streak in Billie Jean King Cup singles matches by defeating Elise Mertens in France's 2019 World Group first round victory against Belgium. She had previously not won a singles match in the competition since defeating Timea Bacsinszky in France's 2014 World Group II first round victory against Switzerland. She was nominated for both the semi-final and final in 2019 but did not play in either tie. She was part of the French team which finished runners-up to Poland in the 2005 Junior Billie Jean King Cup.

• CAROLINE GARCIA

- **Age:** 28 (born 16 October 1993 in Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France)
- **Rankings:** 74 (singles), 171 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** SF Lausanne; QF Parma
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Garcia teamed with Kristina Mladenovic to win the decisive doubles match in the 2019 final, with the pair defeating Ashleigh Barty/Samantha Stosur to secure the title for France. She has an 11-6 win-loss record in Billie Jean King Cup singles matches, but lost her last singles match in the competition, falling to Barty 6-0 6-0 in the 2nd match of the 2019 final. She will equal Gail Benedetti, Nathalie Dechy, Halard-Decugis and Nathalie Tauziat in 4th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins by a French player if she wins 2 singles matches this week.

• CLARA BUREL

- **Age:** 20 (born 24 March 2001 in Rennes, France)
- **Rankings:** 78 (singles), 268 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Lausanne; QF Lyon
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Burel could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

• FIONA FERRO

- **Age:** 24 (born 12 March 1997 in Libramont, Belgium)
- **Rankings:** 101 (singles), 410 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** SF Lyon; QF Lausanne, Istanbul
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Ferro could make her first appearance in a live Billie Jean King Cup match this week. She made her debut in the competition during France's 2019 World Group first round victory against Belgium, falling to Ysaline Bonaventure/Kirsten Flipkens alongside Pauline Parmentier in the dead doubles match. She was nominated for both the semi-final and final in 2019 but did not play in either tie.

Russian Tennis Federation – Team Information

- [RUSSIAN TENNIS FEDERATION \(RTF\)](#) are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 5th time and equal Spain in 4th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup titles.
- RTF **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Romania 3-2 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Cluj-Napoca, with Anna Blinkova/Anna Kalinskaya winning a decisive doubles match to secure RTF's place at the Finals.
- RTF are bidding to extend a **5-tie Billie Jean King Cup winning streak**. The team have not lost in the competition since falling to Latvia in the 2018 World Group II play-offs.
- RTF are **4-time Billie Jean King Cup champions** – winning the title in 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008. They have reached the final on a further 7 occasions, most recently in a 3-2 defeat to Czech Republic in the 2015 Final.
- RTF players **represented USSR from 1968 to 1991**, and CIS in 1992.
- RTF are ranked No. 7 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They held the No. 1 ranking from September 2005 through to April 2009.

Russian Tennis Federation – Historical Information

Most Billie Jean King Cup match-wins by a Russian Tennis Federation player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Svetlana Kuznetsova	27-13
2=	Elena Dementieva	26-9
	Elena Likhovtseva	26-16
	Elena Makarova	26-12
5.	Svetlana Cherneva	22-9

Most Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins by a Russian Tennis Federation player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Elena Dementieva	22-5
2.	Svetlana Kuznetsova	21-11
3.	Elena Makarova	15-6
4.	Anastasia Myskina	14-5
5.	Elena Likhovtseva	12-11

Most Billie Jean King Cup doubles match-wins by a Russian Tennis Federation player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Svetlana Cherneva	20-6
2.	Elena Likhovtseva	14-5
3=	Elena Makarova	11-6
	Elena Vesnina	11-5
5.	Anna Kournikova	10-2

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Russian Tennis Federation player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Elena Likhovtseva	29
2.	Svetlana Cherneva	27
3.	Elena Makarova	25
4.	Svetlana Kuznetsova	19
5.	Elena Dementieva	18

NB RTF takes USSR's historical record in Billie Jean King Cup; players who represented USSR until 1991 but who represented nations other than RTF after 1991 are not displayed in these tables.

Russian Tennis Federation – 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
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	2009	8	14	9-9	5-2
Daria Kasatkina	2016	3	5	3-1	2-2
Veronika Kudermetova	2014	3	3	0-3	0-1
Ekaterina Alexandrova	2020	1	1	2-0	0-0
Liudmila Samsonova	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0

- **[ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA](#)**

- **Age:** 30 (born 3 July 1991 in Samara, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 16 (singles), 108 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Roland Garros; SF Madrid; QF Moscow; R16 US Open
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Madrid, Istanbul; QF Roland Garros
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Pavlyuchenkova is bidding to record her 10th Billie Jean King Cup singles match-win this week. She is also bidding to extend a 4-match winning streak in the competition, having not lost a match in the competition since falling to Jelena Ostapenko in Russia's defeat to Latvia in the 2018 World Group II play-offs.

- **[DARIA KASATKINA](#)**

- **Age:** 24 (born 7 May 1997 in Togliatty, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 28 (singles), 281 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Melbourne 4, St Petersburg; RU Birmingham, San Jose; QF Eastbourne, Cleveland
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Kasatkina has won 3 of the 4 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she has contested, with her only singles defeat in the competition coming against Victoria Azarenka during RTF's 2016 World Group Play-off defeat to Belarus. She was a member of the Russian team which won the Junior Billie Jean King Cup title in 2013.

- **[VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA](#)**

- **Age:** 24 (born 24 April 1997 in Kazan, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 32 (singles), 16 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Charleston; RU Abu Dhabi; SF Istanbul; QF St Petersburg
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Istanbul; RU Wimbledon, Indian Wells; SF Melbourne 1, Dubai, Berlin, Montreal
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Kudermetova is bidding to record her first Billie Jean King Cup match-win this week. She has made 3 appearances in the competition and lost all 4 matches she has played – including both singles matches she contested during RTF's victory over Romania in the 2020 Qualifiers, falling to both Ana Bogdan and Jaqueline Adina Cristian. She was a member of the Russian team which won the Junior Billie Jean King Cup title in 2013.

- **[EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA](#)**

- **Age:** 26 (born 15 November 1994 in Chelyabinsk, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 33 (singles), 146 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Moscow; SF Melbourne 1; QF St Petersburg, Stuttgart, Strasbourg, Berlin
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Alexandrova is bidding to continue the perfect start she made to her Billie Jean King Cup career. She made her debut in the competition during RTF's victory over Romania in the 2020 Qualifiers, and won both matches she contested – defeating both Elena Gabriela Ruse and Ana Bogdan.

- **[LIUDMILA SAMSONOVA](#)**

- **Age:** 22 (born 11 November 1998 in Olenegorsk, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 42 (singles), 1329= (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Berlin; SF Luxembourg, Courmayeur; R16 Wimbledon
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Samsonova could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

Canada – Team Information

- **CANADA** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the first time. They are one of 3 nations – alongside Belarus and Switzerland – competing at the Finals to have never won the Billie Jean King Cup title.
- Canada are competing at the Finals as the **highest-ranked losing nation from the 2021 Play-offs** – replacing former host nation Hungary. Canada fell to Switzerland 3-1 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Biel, but defeated Serbia 4-0 in the 2021 Play-offs in Kraljevo, with Leylah Fernandez and Rebecca Marino both winning singles matches. The victory against Serbia was Canada’s first victory in a best-of-5-match away tie since 2013.
- Canada have **won 7 of their last 9 ties on hard courts**. Since 2017, their only defeats on hard courts have come against Romania in the 2018 World Group II first round and against Switzerland in the Qualifiers last year.
- Canada’s **best Billie Jean King Cup result** is reaching the semi-finals in 1988, when they fell to Czechoslovakia on neutral ground in Melbourne.
- Canada are ranked No. 10 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest ranking is No. 8, which they held between April 2014 and February 2015.

Canada – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Aleksandra Wozniak	40-12
2.	Sonya Jeyaseelan	29-7
3.	Marie-Eve Pelletier	25-15
4.	Sharon Fichman	24-10
5.	Stephanie Dubois	23-10

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Aleksandra Wozniak	32-11
2.	Jana Nejedly	19-5
3=	Eugenie Bouchard	12-4
	Stephanie Dubois	12-8
	Sonya Jeyaseelan	12-5

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Sonya Jeyaseelan	17-2
2.	Marie-Eve Pelletier	16-6
3.	Sharon Fichman	15-7
4.	Jill Hetherington	13-15
5.	Stephanie Dubois	11-2

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Canadian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Aleksandra Wozniak	36
2=	Jill Hetherington	30
	Marie-Eve Pelletier	30
4.	Sharon Fichman	28
5=	Rene Collins	24
	Sonya Jeyaseelan	24

Canada – 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
Rebecca Marino	2011	3	5	3-4	2-1
Carol Zhao	2016	3	3	0-1	2-1
Francoise Abanda	2015	4	6	6-4	0-1
Gabriela Dabrowski	2013	8	14	0-5	7-6

- **REBECCA MARINO**

- **Age:** 30 (born 16 December 1990 in Toronto, Canada)
- **Rankings:** 147 (singles), 177 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Marino made her Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2011, but did not compete again until the 2019 season. She has won 3 of the 5 matches she contested since returning to the team, including a singles triumph during Canada's victory over Serbia in the Play-offs this year – she defeated Nina Stojanovic in straight sets in the 2nd match of the tie.

- **CAROL ZHAO**

- **Age:** 26 (born 20 June 1995 in Chongqing, China, P.R.)
- **Rankings:** 330 (singles), 564 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Zhao made her Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2016 and has been nominated for the 4th time this week. She lost the only singles match she has contested in the competition, falling to Romania's Sorana Cirstea in the 2018 World Group II first round. She was a member of the Canadian team which finished as runners-up at the 2011 Junior Billie Jean King Cup, falling to an Australian team led by Ashleigh Barty.

- **FRANCOISE ABANDA**

- **Age:** 24 (born 5 February 1997 in Montreal, Canada)
- **Rankings:** 333 (singles), 1212= (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Abanda is making her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since the Canada's victory over Netherlands in the 2019 World Group II first round. She is bidding to extend a 4-match winning streak in the competition, having not lost a Billie Jean King Cup match since she fell to Dominika Cibulkova during Canada's 2016 World Group II Play-off defeat to Slovakia. She was a member of the Canadian team which finished as runners-up at the 2011 Junior Billie Jean King Cup, falling to an Australian team led by Ashleigh Barty.

- **GABRIELA DABROWSKI**

- **Age:** 29 (born 1 April 1992 in Ottawa, Canada)
- **Rankings:** 716 (singles), 5 (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Montreal; RU Madrid, San Jose, Cincinnati; SF Miami, Charleston, US Open
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Dabrowski is bidding to end a 3-match Billie Jean King Cup losing streak, having not won a match in the competition since she and Marino defeated Demi Schuurs/Bibiane Schoofs during Canada's victory over Netherlands in the 2019 World Group II first round. She has lost all 5 singles matches she has contested in the competition – including both matches she played during Canada's defeat to Switzerland in the 2020 Qualifiers – but has a 7-6 win-loss record in doubles, and a 2-1 win-loss record in decisive doubles matches.

GROUP B

Teams

Australia – seeded No. 2, qualified automatically as 2019 runners-up

Belarus – unseeded, defeated Netherlands 3-2 in the Qualifiers to secure place at Finals

Belgium – unseeded, defeated Kazakhstan 3-1 in the Qualifiers to secure place at Finals

Schedule

Belgium v Belarus – Monday 1 November, 1030, Court One

Australia v Belgium – Tuesday 2 November, 1030, Centre Court

Australia v Belarus – Thursday 4 November, 1030, Centre Court

Fast Facts

Nation	Ranking	Best BJK Cup result	First year played	Seasons played	Ties played	Ties win-loss
Australia	2	Champions 7 times	1963	58	183	130-53
Belarus	5	Runners-up 2017	1994	27	103	72-31
Belgium	16	Champions 2001	1963	56	154	81-73

Captains

ALICIA MOLIK (AUS)

- Molik has led the Australian team since 2013 and has an 8-7 win-loss record as captain. She guided the team to a first Billie Jean King Cup final appearance since 1993 in the 2019 season, with the team falling to France in a decisive doubles match. As a player, she represented Australia in 22 ties between 1999 and 2010 and had an 18-21 overall win-loss record in the competition.

TATIANA POUTCHEK (BLR)

- Poutchek is in her 2nd spell as Belarusian Billie Jean King Cup captain. She captained the team from 2012-15 and returned as captain in April 2018. She has a 13-5 win-loss record as captain overall. She also holds the Belarusian Billie Jean King Cup records for most matches won (37), most doubles matches won (28), most ties played (45) and most years played (15).

JOHAN VAN HERCK (BEL)

- Van Herck took over as captain at the beginning of the 2018 season, losing his first 2 ties in charge of the team before earning his first victory in the 2020 Qualifiers against Kazakhstan. He has also been Belgium's Davis Cup captain since 2011 and under his captaincy the team has reached 2 Davis Cup finals, falling to Great Britain in 2015 and to France in 2017. He has a 15-9 win-loss record as Davis Cup captain.

Head-to-heads

[Belgium v Belarus – first meeting](#)

- This will be the first Billie Jean King Cup meeting between Belgium and Belarus.

[Australia v Belgium – Australia leads 5-3](#)

- A 9th meeting for the 2 nations – but their first in nearly 20 years. Belgium won the teams' 3 most-recent encounters, recording consecutive victories in 2000, 2001 and 2002. Australia v Belgium was a first round tie at the first-ever Billie Jean King Cup (then-called the Federation Cup), with Australia recording a 3-0 victory over Belgium at Queen's Club in London in 1963.

[Australia v Belarus – Australia leads 1-0](#)

- Australia face Belarus for the 2nd time, with the 2 nations having played an entertaining semi-final clash in 2019, in which Ashleigh Barty and Samantha Stosur combined to win a decisive doubles match against Victoria Azarenka and Aryna Sabalenka to seal Australia's place in the final.

Australia – Team Information

- **AUSTRALIA** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 8th time. They won the title in 1964-65, 1968, 1970-71 and 1973-74, and are 3rd on the all-time list of Billie Jean King Cup champions behind USA (18) and Czech Republic (11).
- In 2019, Australia **reached the Billie Jean King Cup final for the first time since 1993**. The team defeated USA and Belarus before falling to France 3-2 in the final in Perth. Since winning the title for the 7th time in 1974, they have lost all 9 Finals they have contested. As 2019 runners-up, they qualified automatically for the Finals this year.
- Australia have **won 5 of their last 6 Billie Jean King Cup ties**. Their defeat to France in the 2019 final ended a 5-tie winning streak, with the team having previously not lost a tie since falling to Ukraine in the 2017 World Group II first round in Kharkiv.
- Australia have also **won 3 of their last 4 ties played away from home**, with their defeat to Ukraine in 2017 also the only occasion that they have lost a tie played outside Australia since falling to Netherlands in the World Group Play-offs in 2015 's-Hertogenbosch.
- Australia are ranked No. 2 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking** – their highest position since the rankings were introduced in 2002.

Australia – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Wendy Turnbull	46-16
2=	Kerry Reid Samantha Stosur	37-10 37-20
4=	Dianne Balestrat Margaret Court Evonne Goolagong Cawley	35-11 35-5 35-5

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Samantha Stosur	29-20
2.	Dianne Balestrat	24-9
3.	Evonne Goolagong Cawley	22-3
4=	Margaret Court Kerry Reid	20-0 20-4

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Wendy Turnbull	29-8
2.	Rennae Stubbs	28-10
3=	Kerry Reid Liz Smylie	17-6 17-5
5.	Margaret Court	15-5

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by an Australian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Wendy Turnbull	45
2.	Rennae Stubbs	40
3.	Dianne Balestrat	37
4=	Liz Smylie Samantha Stosur	31 31

Australia – 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
Ajla Tomljanovic*	2019 (2010)	1 (2)	1 (8)	1-1 (3-3)	0-0 (1-4)
Storm Sanders	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Ellen Perez	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Olivia Gadecki	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Daria Gavrilova	2016	4	6	3-6	1-1

*Tomljanovic made her debut for Australia during the 2019 final. She played in 2 Billie Jean King Cup Europe/Africa Group I events for Croatia at the age of 16-17 in 2010-11 – figures in brackets represent her Billie Jean King Cup record for Croatia.

• [AJLA TOMLJANOVIC](#)

- **Age:** 28 (born 7 May 1993 in Zagreb, Croatia)
- **Rankings:** 43 (singles), 141 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Wimbledon
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Abu Dhabi
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Tomljanovic made her Billie Jean King Cup debut for Australia during the 2019 final and won one of the 2 matches she contested, falling to Kristina Mladenovic but defeating Pauline Parmentier. She also contested 2 Europe/Africa Group I events for Croatia at the age of 16-17 in 2010-11, winning 4 of the 8 matches she played.

• [STORM SANDERS](#)

- **Age:** 27 (born 11 August 1994 in Rockhampton, Australia)
- **Rankings:** 120 (singles), 33 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Adelaide, Prague
- **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Charleston, Nottingham; SF Wimbledon, Prague; QF US Open
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Sanders could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week. She was nominated for 2 ties in 2014, but did not play in either tie.

• [ELLEN PEREZ](#)

- **Age:** 26 (born 10 October 1995 in Shellharbour, Australia)
- **Rankings:** 199 (singles), 42 (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Guadalajara, Tenerife; RU Charleston, Birmingham; SF Monterrey, San Jose
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Perez could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

• [OLIVIA GADECKI](#)

- **Age:** 19 (born 24 April 2002 in Gold Coast, Australia)
- **Rankings:** 234 (singles), 195 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Gadecki could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

• [DARIA GAVRILOVA](#)

- **Age:** 27 (born 5 March 1994 in Moscow, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 411 (singles), 554 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Gavrilova could make her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since the 2019 World Group first round this week – on that occasion she fell to USA's Danielle Collins in the 4th match of the tie, but Australia won the decisive doubles match. She was also nominated for the 2019 semi-finals but did not play, and then missed the 2019 final due to injury. She has struggled with Achilles tendon injuries over the last 2 seasons and has not played any tournaments since falling to Ashleigh Barty in the 2nd round at the Australian Open this year. She represented Russia until switching nationality in 2015, and was a member of the Russian teams which won back-to-back Junior Billie Jean King Cup titles in 2008 and 2009.

Belarus – Team Information

- **BELARUS** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the first time. They are one of 3 nations – alongside Canada and Switzerland – competing at the Finals to have never won the Billie Jean King Cup title.
- Belarus **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Netherlands 3-2 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Den Haag, with Aryna Sabalenka/Aliaksandra Sasnovich defeating Kiki Bertens/Demi Schuurs in a decisive doubles match to secure their place at the Finals.
- Belarus have **won 3 of their last 4 ties**. Their only defeat in that time came against Australia in the 2019 semi-finals in Brisbane, while they have recorded victories against Slovakia, Germany and Netherlands.
- Belarus' **best Billie Jean King Cup performance** is reaching the 2017 Final. The team defeated Netherlands 4-1 in the first round and Switzerland 3-2 in the semi-finals, before falling to USA 3-2 in the Final in Minsk with Sabalenka/ Sasnovich losing to Shelby Rogers/CoCo Vandeweghe in the decisive doubles match.
- Belarus are ranked No. 5 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest-ever ranking is No. 2, which they achieved after defeating Switzerland in the 2017 semi-finals.

Belarus – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Tatiana Poutchek	37-15
2.	Natalia Zvereva*	35-11
3.	Olga Barabanschikova	33-17
4.	Olga Govortsova	26-13
5=	Victoria Azarenka	23-7
	Aliaksandra Sasnovich	23-15

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Natalia Zvereva*	24-7
2.	Olga Govortsova	20-10
3=	Victoria Azarenka	17-5
	Olga Barabanschikova	17-13
	Aliaksandra Sasnovich	17-11

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Tatiana Poutchek	28-7
2.	Olga Barabanschikova	16-4
3.	Natalia Zvereva*	11-4
4=	Tatiana Ignatieva	8-4
	Darya Kustova	8-1

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Belarusian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Tatiana Poutchek	45
2.	Olga Barabanschikova	35
3.	Natalia Zvereva*	32
4.	Olga Govortsova	31
5=	Victoria Azarenka	21
	Aliaksandra Sasnovich	21

*Zvereva represented USSR in 1986-91 and Belarus in 1994-2002. Figures above show her record for Belarus only.

Belarus – 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
Aliaksandra Sasnovich	2012	9	21	17-11	6-3
Yuliya Hatouka	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Iryna Shymanovich	2014	1	3	0-0	2-1
Vera Lapko	2015	3	7	0-1	5-1
Lidziya Marozava	2013	3	6	0-1	3-2

• [ALIAKSANDRA SASNOVICH](#)

- **Age:** 27 (born 22 March 1994 in Minsk, Belarus)
- **Rankings:** 86 (singles), 76 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Belgrade, Cleveland
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Cincinnati
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Sasnovich is bidding to climb the list for most Billie Jean King Cup singles matches won by a Belarusian player this week. She will claim sole ownership of 3rd place on the list – ahead of Victoria Azarenka and Olga Barabanschikova – if she wins a singles match. She won 5 of the 6 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she contested as Belarus finished runners-up in 2017, and won 2 of the 3 matches she contested during Belarus' victory over Netherlands in the Qualifiers last year, defeating Arantxa Rus in singles and winning the decisive doubles match alongside Aryna Sabalenka, overcoming Kiki Bertens/Demi Schuurs in a final-set tiebreak.

• [YULIYA HATOUKA](#)

- **Age:** 21 (born 24 April 2000)
- **Rankings:** 228 (singles), 494 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Hatouka could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

• [IRYNA SHYMANOVICH](#)

- **Age:** 24 (born 30 June 1997)
- **Rankings:** 267 (singles), 308 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Shymanovich could make her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since 2014 this week. She made her only previous appearances in the competition at the 2014 Europe/Africa Group I event, winning 2 of the 3 doubles matches she contested.

• [VERA LAPKO](#)

- **Age:** 23 (born 29 September 1998 in Minsk, Belarus)
- **Rankings:** 356 (singles), 241 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Lapko could make her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance this week since 2018, when she and Marozava won a decisive doubles match during Belarus' World Group Play-off victory over Slovakia. She has won 5 of the 6 doubles matches she has contested in the competition, but lost the only singles match she has played, falling to Tatjana Maria during Belarus' 2018 World Group first round defeat to Germany.

• [LIDZIYA MAROZAVA](#)

- **Age:** 29 (born 8 October 1992 in Minsk, Belarus)
- **Rankings:** unranked (singles), 87 (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Gdynia; SF Lyon
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Marozava played Billie Jean King Cup for Belarus on 3 occasions in 2018-19, having previously only appeared in the competition at the 2013 Europe/Africa Group I event. She won 2 of her 3 Billie Jean King Cup matches in 2018-19, including a victory in the decisive doubles match of Belarus' 2018 World Group play-off victory against Slovakia, when she and Lapko defeated Kuzmova/Anna Karolina Schmiedlova. She was nominated for both Belarus' defeat to Australia in the 2019 semi-finals and the victory over Netherlands in the 2020 Qualifiers but did not play in either tie.

Belgium – Team Information

- **BELGIUM** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 2nd time and become the 9th nation to win the title on multiple occasions.
- Belgium **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Kazakhstan 3-1 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Kortrijk, with Kirsten Flipkens defeating Zarina Diyas in the 4th match to secure Belgium's place at the Finals. It was the team's first victory in a home Billie Jean King Cup tie since 2011, when they defeated USA in the World Group first round in Antwerp, and ended a 5-tie losing streak at home.
- Belgium have **won just one of their last 4 ties on hard courts**. Their victory against Kazakhstan in the 2020 Qualifiers ended a 3-tie losing streak on hard courts, with the team having lost hard court ties to France in both 2018 and 2019 and Spain in 2019.
- Belgium were crowned **Billie Jean King Cup champions in 2001**, defeating Russia 2-1 in the final after comprehensive singles wins for Justine Henin and Kim Clijsters. They finished runner-up in their only other appearance in the final in 2006, falling to Italy 3-2 in the decisive doubles match.
- Belgium are ranked No. 16 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They reached their highest ranking of No. 2 in July 2003.

Belgium – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Sabine Appelmans	32-22
2=	Els Callens Yanina Wickmayer	26-13 26-13
4=	Kim Clijsters Michele Gurdal	24-4 24-25

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Sabine Appelmans	25-13
2.	Yanina Wickmayer	23-9
3.	Kim Clijsters	21-3
4.	Dominique Monami	17-7
5.	Justine Henin	15-2

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Els Callens	17-6
2.	Monique van Haver	12-10
3=	Laurence Courtois Michele Gurdal	11-7 11-10
5.	Nancy Feber	9-1

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Belgian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Sabine Appelmans	33
2.	Monique van Haver	30
3.	Kirsten Flipkens	29
4=	Els Callens Michele Gurdal	28 28

Belgium – 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
Elise Mertens	2017	4	6	8-3	2-1
Greet Minnen	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Ysaline Bonaventure	2012	6	12	5-1	4-5
Kirsten Flipkens	2003	17	29	14-20	3-11

• [ELISE MERTENS](#)

- **Age:** 25 (born 17 November 1995 in Leuven, Belgium)
- **Rankings:** 20 (singles), 2 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Melbourne 1; RU Istanbul; SF Dubai, San Jose; QF Madrid, Luxembourg; R16 Australian Open, US Open
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Australian Open, Istanbul, Wimbledon, Indian Wells; SF Birmingham; QF US Open
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Mertens won both matches she contested during Belgium's victory over Kazakhstan in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating both Zarina Diyas and Yulia Putintseva – rebounding from her defeats to Alize Cornet and Caroline Garcia in Belgium's 2019 World Group first round defeat to France. She has an 8-3 win-loss record in Billie Jean King Cup singles matches overall.

• [GREET MINNEN](#)

- **Age:** 24 (born 14 August 1997 in Turnhout, Belgium)
- **Rankings:** 69 (singles), 78 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** SF Prague; QF Lyon
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Luxembourg; RU Belgrade
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Minnen could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week. She was nominated for the first time for the Qualifiers last year but did not play a match.

• [YSALINE BONAVENTURE](#)

- **Age:** 27 (born 29 August 1994 in Rocourt, Belgium)
- **Rankings:** 142 (singles), 392 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Hamburg
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Bonaventure lost her perfect record in Billie Jean King Cup singles matches during Belgium's victory over Kazakhstan in the 2020 Qualifiers, falling to Yulia Putintseva in the 2nd match of the tie. She has won the other 5 singles matches she has contested in the competition, including a victory over former world No. 1 Garbine Muguruza in Belgium's defeat to Spain in the 2019 World Group play-offs.

• [KIRSTEN FLIPKENS](#)

- **Age:** 35 (born 10 January 1986 in Geel, Belgium)
- **Rankings:** 154 (singles), 148 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Flipkens will become the 3rd Belgian player to contest 30 or more ties if she plays at least one tie this week. Sabine Appelmans (33 Billie Jean King Cup ties) and Monique van Haver (30) the only Belgian players to have contested more ties in the competition than Flipkens. She has a 14-20 win-loss record in Billie Jean King Cup singles matches, but has won her 2 most-recent singles matches in the competition – defeating Muguruza during Belgium's defeat to Spain in the 2019 World Group play-offs and Diyas in the victory over Kazakhstan in the 2020 Qualifiers to secure Belgium's place in the Finals.

GROUP C

Teams

USA – seeded No. 3, defeated Latvia 3-2 in the Qualifiers to secure place at Finals
 Spain – unseeded, defeated Japan 3-1 in the Qualifiers to secure place at Finals
 Slovakia – unseeded, defeated Great Britain 3-1 in the Qualifiers to secure place at Finals

Schedule

Spain v Slovakia – Monday 1 November, not before 1700, Court One
 USA v Slovakia – Tuesday 2 November, not before 1700, Centre Court
 USA v Spain – Wednesday 3 November, not before 1700, Centre Court

Fast Facts

Nation	Ranking	Best BJK Cup result	First year played	Seasons played	Ties played	Ties win-loss
USA	3	Champions 18 times	1963	57	191	153-38
Spain	9	Champions 5 times	1972	49	135	82-53
Slovakia	11	Champions 2002	1994	27	63	37-26

Captains

KATHY RINALDI (USA)

- Rinaldi won the title in her debut season as captain in 2017. She has a 7-2 overall win-loss record as captain, with her only defeats in the competition coming against Czech Republic in the 2018 Final and against Australia in the 2019 World Group first round. She did not compete in Billie Jean King Cup as a player.

ANABEL MEDINA GARRIGUES (ESP)

- Medina Garrigues took over as captain from Conchita Martinez ahead of the 2018 season. She lost her first tie in charge – a World Group II clash against Italy – but has won all 4 of the ties she has contested as captain since then. As a player, she competed in 21 ties between 2003 and 2016, earning an 18-16 overall win-loss record.

MATEJ LIPTAK (SVK)

- Liptak became Slovakian captain in 2009 and has a 12-11 win-loss record during his 23 ties at the helm. He is 2nd-longest serving captain of the 12 teams at the Finals this year, with Petr Pala (who has led the Czech team since 2008) the only captain to have been in position longer than Liptak.

Head-to-heads

Spain v Slovakia – Slovakia leads 2-0

- A 3rd meeting for Spain and Slovakia, with the Slovaks bidding to maintain their perfect record against Spain. The nations met for the first time in the 2002 final, with Daniela Hantuchova winning both her singles matches before Janette Husarova defeated Arantxa Sanchez Vicario to win the title. Slovakia also won the nations' most-recent meeting, a World Group Play-off in 2012.

USA v Slovakia – first meeting

- This will be the first Billie Jean King Cup meeting between USA and Slovakia.

USA v Spain – USA leads 5-4

- A 10th meeting for USA and Spain – but their first in 21 years. The teams' previous 9 meetings came in a 19-year period between 1981 and 2000, and included 6 match-ups in the final. USA has a narrow overall lead in their head-to-head but they are tied 3-3 in finals, with USA having won in 1989, 1996 and 2000, and Spain triumphing in 1991, 1994 and 1995.

USA – Team Information

- [USA](#) are bidding to win their 19th Billie Jean King Cup title and extend their lead at the top of the list for most Billie Jean King Cup titles.
- USA **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Latvia 3-2 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Everett, with Sofia Kenin/Bethanie Mattek-Sands winning a decisive doubles match to secure USA's place at the Finals.
- USA have **won 9 of their last 11 Billie Jean King Cup ties**. Since the beginning of the 2016 season, their only defeats have come against Czech Republic in the 2018 final and against Australia in the 2019 World Group first round.
- USA have **won more Billie Jean King Cup ties than any other nation**. They will bid to win their 154th tie in their opening clash against Slovakia this week.
- USA have been **crowned Billie Jean King Cup champion 18 times** – more than any other nation. They won their 18th title – and first since 2000 – in 2017, defeating Belarus 3-2 in the final in Minsk, with Shelby Rogers/CoCo Vandeweghe defeating Aryna Sabalenka/Aliaksandra Sasnovich in the decisive doubles match.
- USA are currently ranked No. 3 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest ranking since the rankings were introduced in 2002 is No. 2, which they first reached in 2004.

USA – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Chris Evert	57-4
2.	Billie Jean King	52-4
3.	Rosie Casals	34-2
4.	Lindsay Davenport	33-3
5.	Martina Navratilova	31-1

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Chris Evert	40-2
2=	Lindsay Davenport	26-3
	Billie Jean King	26-3
4.	Venus Williams	21-2
5=	Martina Navratilova	15-0
	Monica Seles	15-2

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1=	Rosie Casals	26-1
	Billie Jean King	26-1
3.	Gigi Fernandez	20-2
4=	Chris Evert	17-2
	Kathy Jordan	17-1

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by an American player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Chris Evert	42
2.	Billie Jean King	36
3.	Rosie Casals	29
4.	Gigi Fernandez	25
5.	Zina Garrison	23

USA – 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
Danielle Collins	2019	1	1	1-0	0-1
Shelby Rogers	2017	1	3	0-1	2-0
Sloane Stephens	2012	7	7	6-4	1-1
CoCo Vandeweghe	2010	5	9	8-4	5-1
Caroline Dolehide	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0

- **DANIELLE COLLINS**

- **Age:** 27 (born 13 December 1993 in St Petersburg, FL, USA)
- **Rankings:** 31 (singles), 491 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Palermo, San Jose; SF Melbourne 4, Budapest; QF Melbourne 2, Adelaide, Hamburg, Chicago
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Collins could make just her 2nd Billie Jean King Cup appearance this week. She has played in one tie – USA’s defeat to Australia in the 2019 World Group first round. She defeated Daria Gavrilova in the only singles match she contested, but she and Nicole Melichar fell to Ashleigh Barty/Priscilla Hon in the decisive doubles match. She was also nominated for the 2018 final defeat to Czech Republic but did not play a match during the tie.

- **SHELBY ROGERS**

- **Age:** 29 (born 13 October 1992 in Mount Pleasant, SC, USA)
- **Rankings:** 40 (singles), 72 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Melbourne 2, Adelaide, Charleston, Indian Wells; R16 Australian Open, US Open
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Cleveland; QF Roland Garros
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Rogers could make her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since she and Vandeweghe won the decisive doubles match of the 2017 final, defeating Belarus’ Aryna Sabalenka/Aliaksandra Sasnovich. She lost the only singles match she has contested in the competition, falling to Katerina Siniakova during USA’s 2017 semi-final victory over Czech Republic.

- **SLOANE STEPHENS**

- **Age:** 28 (born 20 March 1993 in For Lauderdale, FL, USA)
- **Rankings:** 63 (singles), 1083 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** SF Parma; QF Charleston; R16 Roland Garros
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Stephens is bidding to extend a 4-match Billie Jean King Cup winning streak. Since falling to both Sabalenka and Sasnovich in the 2017 final, she has won all 4 matches she has contested in the competition, defeating France’s Pauline Parmentier and Kristina Mladenovic during the 2018 semi-finals and Switzerland’s Timea Bacsinszky and Viktorija Golubic during the 2019 World Group Play-offs.

- **COCO VANDEWEGHE**

- **Age:** 29 (born 6 December 1991 in New York, NY, USA)
- **Rankings:** 145 (singles), 154 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** SF Birmingham
- **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Chicago; SF San Jose
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Vandeweghe returns to the team for the first time since the 2018 semi-finals, a tie in which her 13-match Billie Jean King Cup winning streak came to an end following a singles defeat against France’s Mladenovic. She won all 8 matches she played during USA’s title-winning season in 2017 and became the 3rd player in the competition’s history to win 3 matches in a final.

- **CAROLINE DOLEHIDE**

- **Age:** 23 (born 5 September 1998 in Hinsdale, IL, USA)
- **Rankings:** 190 (singles), 30 (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Monterrey; RU Nottingham, Chicago; SF Wimbledon; QF US Open
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Dolehide could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.

Spain – Team Information

- **SPAIN** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 6th time. The team won the title in 1991, 1993-1995 and 1998 and are 4th on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup titles – behind USA (18), Czech Republic (10) and Australia (7).
- Spain **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Japan 3-1 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Cartagena, with Sara Sorribes Tormo defeating Naomi Osaka before Carla Suarez Navarro won both her singles matches to secure Spain's place at the Finals.
- Spain are bidding to extend a **4-tie winning streak**. The team have not lost a Billie Jean King Cup tie since falling to Italy in the 2018 World Group II first round in Chieti, and have recorded victories over Paraguay in 2018, Japan in both 2019 and 2020, and Belgium in 2019.
- Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez, who combined to lead Spain to 10 finals, head the **all-time Billie Jean King Cup lists for total wins and total singles wins** as well as recording the most wins as a doubles pair. Sanchez Vicario recorded 72 total wins and 50 singles wins, while Martinez recorded 68 total wins and 47 singles wins. The pair won 18 Billie Jean King Cup doubles matches together.
- Spain are ranked No. 9 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest position is No. 2 which they held from November 2002 to April 2003 and again in July 2004.

Spain – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Arantxa Sanchez Vicario	72-28
2.	Conchita Martinez	68-23
3.	Carmen Perea-Alcala	19-24
4=	Anabel Medina Garrigues	18-16
	Carla Suarez Navarro	18-11

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Arantxa Sanchez Vicario	50-22
2.	Conchita Martinez	47-18
3.	Carla Suarez Navarro	17-8
4.	Carmen Perea-Alcala	13-16
5.	Anabel Medina Garrigues	10-13

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Arantxa Sanchez Vicario	22-6
2.	Conchita Martinez	21-5
3.	Virginia Ruano Pascual	15-13
4=	Nuria Llagostera Vives	8-4
	Anabel Medina Garrigues	8-3

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Spanish player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Arantxa Sanchez Vicario	58
2.	Conchita Martinez	53
3=	Carmen Perea-Alcala	29
	Virginia Ruano Pascual	29
5.	Anabel Medina Garrigues	21

Spain – 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
Sara Sorribes Tormo	2015	5	6	2-3	2-0
Nuria Parrizas-Diaz	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Rebeka Masarova	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Aliona Bolsova	2015	1	1	0-0	1-1
Carla Suarez Navarro	2008	11	16	17-8	1-3

• [SARA SORRIBES TORMO](#)

- **Age:** 25 (born 8 October 1996 in Castellon, Spain)
- **Rankings:** 37 (singles), 67 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Guadalajara; SF Monterrey, Bad Homburg, Cleveland; QF Abu Dhabi, Miami, Montreal
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Sorribes Tormo recorded her 2nd Billie Jean King Cup singles victory by defeating Naomi Osaka during Spain's win against Japan in the 2020 Qualifiers. Her only other singles match-win in the competition came on her Billie Jean King Cup debut, when she defeated Paula Ormaechea in Spain's 2015 World Group II play-off victory over Argentina.

• [NURIA PARRIZAS-DIAZ](#)

- **Age:** 30 (born 15 July 1991 in Granada, Spain)
- **Rankings:** 66 (singles), 360 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Bogota, Gdynia
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Parrizas-Diaz could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

• [REBEKA MASAROVA](#)

- **Age:** 22 (born 6 August 1999 in Basel, Switzerland)
- **Rankings:** 168 (singles), 273 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Masarova could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time. She represented Switzerland as a junior before switching her nationality to Spain in 2018.

• [ALIONA BOLSOVA](#)

- **Age:** 23 (born 6 November 1997 in Chisinau, Moldova)
- **Rankings:** 175 (singles), 89 (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Budapest; SF Guadalajara, Bogota
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Bolsova could contest her first live Billie Jean King Cup match this week. Her only previous appearances in the competition came in dead doubles matches – a victory alongside current captain Medina Garrigues in Spain's 2015 World Group II play-off victory over Argentina, and a defeat alongside Lara Arruabarrena during Spain's victory over Japan in the Qualifiers last year.

• [CARLA SUAREZ NAVARRO](#)

- **Age:** 33 (born 3 September 1988 in Las Palmas, Spain)
- **Rankings:** 335 (singles), 1105 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Suarez Navarro is bidding to climb the list for most Billie Jean King Cup match-wins by a Spanish player this week. She will equal Carmen Perea-Alcala in 3rd place on the list if she wins one match and claim sole ownership of 3rd place if she wins 2 or more matches. She has won 7 of her last 8 singles matches in the competition, with her only defeat in that time coming against Sara Errani in Spain's 2018 World Group II first round defeat to Italy. Suarez Navarro has announced that 2021 will be her final season as a professional and she will retire after this event.

Slovakia – Team Information

- **SLOVAKIA** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 2nd time and become the 9th nation to win the title on multiple occasions.
- Slovakia **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Great Britain 3-1 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Bratislava, with Anna Karolina Schmiedlova defeating Harriet Dart in the 4th match of the tie to secure Slovakia's place at the Finals.
- Slovakia have **won just one of their last 6 ties played away from home**. Their only victory in a tie played outside Slovakia in that time came in the 2017 World Group II first round, when they defeated Italy in Forlì.
- Slovakia were **crowned Billie Jean King Cup champions in 2002**, defeating Spain 3-1 in the Final in Gran Canaria.
- **Prior to 1994**, Slovakian players represented Czechoslovakia.
- Slovakia are ranked No. 11 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They were ranked No. 1 when the rankings were first introduced in November 2002 through to July 2003.

Slovakia – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Daniela Hantuchova	38-20
2.	Karina Habsudova	26-14
3.	Dominika Cibulkova	23-19
4.	Henrieta Nagyova	18-6
5.	Janette Husarova	17-12

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Daniela Hantuchova	32-14
2.	Dominika Cibulkova	22-11
3.	Karina Habsudova	18-9
4.	Henrieta Nagyova	15-5
5.	Magdalena Rybarikova	8-7

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Janette Husarova	11-6
2.	Karina Habsudova	8-5
3.	Magdalena Rybarikova	7-4
4.	Daniela Hantuchova	6-6
5=	Jana Cepelova	4-3
	Radomira Zrubakova	4-2

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Slovakian player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Daniela Hantuchova	32
2=	Dominika Cibulkova	22
	Janette Husarova	22
4.	Karina Habsudova	20
5.	Magdalena Rybarikova	18

Slovakia – 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
Anna Karolina Schmiedlova	2012	8	11	7-5	3-4
Kristina Kucova	2008	5	5	1-3	0-2
Rebecca Sramkova	2017	3	5	2-4	1-2
Viktoria Kuzmova	2018	2	3	4-1	0-2
Tereza Mihalikova	2016	2	2	0-0	0-2

- **[ANNA KAROLINA SCHMIEDLOVA](#)**

- **Age:** 27 (born 13 September 1994 in Kosice, Slovakia)
- **Rankings:** 82 (singles), 620 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Guadalajara, Monterrey, Cluj-Napoca, Tenerife
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Schmiedlova ended a 4-match Billie Jean King Cup losing streak during Slovakia's victory over Great Britain in the 2020 Qualifiers, when she defeated both Heather Watson and Harriet Dart to secure Slovakia's place at the Finals. She had previously not recorded a victory in the competition since partnering Jana Cepelova to defeat Russia's Anna Kalinskaya/Veronika Kudermetova in a dead doubles match in the 2018 World Group II first round. She will equal Magdalena Rybarikova in 5th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins by a Slovakian player if she wins a singles match this week.

- **[KRISTINA KUCOVA](#)**

- **Age:** 31 (born 23 March 1990 in Bratislava, Slovakia)
- **Rankings:** 108 (singles), unranked (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Gdynia; QF Cluj-Napoca
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Kucova returns to the Slovakian Billie Jean King Cup for the first time since 2017, when she fell to Richel Hogenkamp during the team's World Group Play-off defeat to Netherlands. She won her first match in the competition – a victory over Uzbekistan's Vlada Ekshibarova in the 2008 World Group II Play-offs – but has lost all 5 Billie Jean King Cup matches she has played since then.

- **[REBECCA SRAMKOVA](#)**

- **Age:** 25 (born 19 October 1996 in Bratislava, Slovakia)
- **Rankings:** 176 (singles), 469 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Sramkova is bidding to record her first Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins since she defeated both Sara Errani and Francesca Schiavone as Slovakia overcame Italy 3-2 in the 2017 World Group II first round – the tie was also Sramkova's debut in the competition. She has lost all 3 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she has contested since then – including a defeat against Watson during Slovakia's victory over Great Britain in the 2020 Qualifiers.

- **[VIKTORIA KUZMOVA](#)**

- **Age:** 23 (born 11 May 1998 in Kosice, Slovakia)
- **Rankings:** 177 (singles), 59 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Monterrey, Prague
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Lyon; RU Melbourn 2, Prague
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Kuzmova has won 5 of the 6 singles matches she has contested, with her only singles defeat in the competition coming on her debut, when she fell to Natalia Vikhlyantseva during Slovakia's 2018 World Group II first round victory over Russia. She was a member of the Slovakian team which finished as runners-up to USA at the 2014 Junior Billie Jean King Cup Finals.

- **[TEREZA MIHALIKOVA](#)**

- **Age:** 23 (born 2 June 1998 in Topolcany, Slovakia)
- **Rankings:** 608 (singles), 109 (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Portoroz
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Mihalikova could contest her first live Billie Jean King Cup match this week, having competed in 2 dead doubles matches but losing on both occasions. She was a member of the Slovakian team which finished as runners-up to USA at the 2014 Junior Billie Jean King Cup Finals.

GROUP D

Teams

Czech Republic – seeded No. 4, awarded a wild card

Germany – unseeded, defeated Romania 3-2 in the Qualifiers to secure place at Finals

Switzerland – unseeded, defeated Romania 3-2 in the Qualifiers to secure place at Finals

Schedule

Czech Republic v Germany – Monday 1 November, not before 1700, Centre Court

Germany v Switzerland – Tuesday 2 November, not before 1700, Court One

Czech Republic v Switzerland – Thursday 4 November, not before 1700, Centre Court

Fast Facts

Nation	Ranking	Best BJK Cup result	First year played	Seasons played	Ties played	Ties win-loss
Czech Republic	4	Champions 11 times	1963*	50*	145	107-38
Germany	6	Champions 2 times	1963**	56**	153	96-55
Switzerland	15	Runners-up 1998	1963	56	145	79-64

*Czech players represented Czechoslovakia until 1992; **German players represented F.R. Germany until 1990

Captains

PETR PALA (CZE)

- Pala is the most successful captain in the history of the competition, having guided the Czech Republic team to 6 titles since taking the role ahead of the 2008 season. The team has won 25 of the 30 ties that they have contested during that time. He is the longest-serving captain of the 12 teams at the Finals this year.

RAINER SCHUETTLER (GER)

- Schuetzler made his debut as German captain in the Qualifiers last year, steering the team to a 4-0 victory over Brazil. He represented Germany in 11 Davis Cup ties between 1999 and 2009, compiling a 9-9 overall win-loss record.

HEINZ GUENTHARDT (SUI)

- Guenthardt took over as captain from Christiane Jolissaint in April 2012. He has led the team in 16 ties since then, recording a 9-7 win-loss record. He holds the Swiss Davis Cup record for most ties played, having competed in 30 ties between 1976 and 1990. He had a 36-28 overall win-loss record as a Davis Cup player.

Head-to-heads

Czech Republic v Germany – Czech Republic leads 8-1

- A 10th meeting between Czech Republic and Germany, with the Czechs bidding to maintain their dominant record against the Germans. Germany's only victory against the Czechs came in 1987, when Steffi Graf inspired the team to a semi-final victory en route to the team's first title. Czech Republic have won all 6 of the nations' meetings since then, including a semi-final triumph in 2018.

Germany v Switzerland – Germany leads 4-2

- A 7th meeting for Germany and Switzerland. Germany leads the overall head-to-head but Switzerland were victorious when the teams' last met in Billie Jean King Cup, recording a 3-2 victory in the 2016 World Group first round in Leipzig.

Czech Republic v Switzerland – Czech Republic leads 7-1

- A 9th meeting for Czech Republic and Switzerland, and the Czechs will also bid to extend a winning streak in this tie. Switzerland's only victory against Czech Republic came in 1998, and the Czechs have won all 3 ties they have contested since then, most recently in the 2018 World Group first round.

Czech Republic – Team Information

- **CZECH REPUBLIC** 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).
- Czech Republic are **contesting their first Billie Jean King Cup ties since the 2019 season**, when they fell to Romania in the World Group first round before defeating Canada in the World Group play-offs. They were awarded a wild card for the 2021 Finals.
- Czech Republic 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 the title in 1975, 1983-85 and 1988.
- Czech Republic have **won 14 of the last 16 Billie Jean King Cup ties they have contested**. Their only defeats during that time came against USA in the 2017 semi-finals and against Romania in the 2019 World Group first round.
- Czech Republic have **won all 5 Billie Jean King Cup ties they have contested at the O2 Arena in Prague** – the finals in 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2018, as well as a World Group first round tie against Switzerland in 2018.
- Czech Republic are ranked at No. 4 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking** – their lowest ranking since April 2011. 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.

Czech Republic – 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	22
	Lucie Safarova	22

Czech Republic – 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
Barbora Krejckova	2019	1	2	0-0	1-1
Marketa Vondrousova	2017	2	2	3-1	0-0
Tereza Martincova	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Katerina Siniakova	2017	3	5	4-2	1-3
Lucie Hradecka	2010	7	9	1-3	6-2

• [BARBORA KREJCIKOVA](#)

- **Age:** 25 (born 18 December 1995 in Brno, Czech Republic)
- **Rankings:** 4 (singles), 4 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Strasbourg, Roland Garros, Prague; RU Dubai; QF Melbourne 3, Cincinnati, US Open; R16 Wimbledon
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Melbourne 1, Madrid, Roland Garros, Tokyo Olympics; RU Australian Open; SF Doha, Cincinnati; QF Wimbledon
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Krejckova became a Billie Jean King Cup champion before making her debut in the competition, after being nominated for the 2018 final but not playing a match. She could make her singles debut this week, with her only appearances in the competition to date coming in doubles matches during the 2019 season – including one live doubles match during Czech Republic's World Group first round defeat to Romania, in which she and Siniakova fell to Irina-Camelia Begu/Monica Niculescu in 3 sets.

• [MARKETA VONDROUSOVA](#)

- **Age:** 22 (born 28 June 1999 in Sokolov, Czech Republic)
- **Rankings:** 35 (singles), 64 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Tokyo Olympics; SF Melbourne 2, Luxembourg, Chicago, Moscow; QF Chicago; R16 Australian Open, Roland Garros
- **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Rome; SF Berlin, Chicago
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Vondrousova has won 3 of the 4 Billie Jean King Cup matches she has contested, with her only defeat coming on her debut, when she fell to CoCo Vandeweghe during Czech Republic's defeat to USA in the 2017 semi-finals. She won both matches she played during Czech Republic's victory over Canada in the 2019 World Group Play-offs, defeating both Rebecca Marino and Leylah Fernandez. She was also a member of the Czech team which finished as runners-up to USA at the 2015 Junior Billie Jean King Cup Finals.

• [TEREZA MARTINCOVA](#)

- **Age:** 27 (born 24 October 1994 in Prague, Czech Republic)
- **Rankings:** 51 (singles), 191 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Prague; QF Nottingham, Birmingham, Chicago, Ostrava
- **2021 doubles highlights:** SF Chicago
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Martincova could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

• [KATERINA SINIAKOVA](#)

- **Age:** 25 (born 10 May 1996 in Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic)
- **Rankings:** 52 (singles), 3 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Bad Homburg; SF Parma; QF Istanbul, Prague, Cleveland
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Melbourne 1, Madrid, Roland Garros, Moscow; RU Australian Open; SF Doha, Cincinnati; QF Wimbledon
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Siniakova has won 4 of the 6 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she has contested – including both matches she played during the 2018 final, when she defeated Alison Riske and Sofia Kenin to secure the title for Czech Republic. She has lost both decisive doubles matches she has played – falling to Bethanie Mattek-Sands/CoCo Vandeweghe during Czech Republic's defeat to USA in the 2017 semi-finals alongside Kristyna Pliskova and falling to Begu/Niculescu during Czech Republic's defeat to Romania in the 2019 World Group first round alongside Krejckova.

- **LUCIE HRADECKA**

- **Age:** 36 (born 21 May 1985 in Prague, Czech Republic)
- **Rankings:** 562 (singles), 32 (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Birmingham, Prague; RU Charleston; SF Moscow; QF Wimbledon, US Open
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** 4-time champion Hradecka could make her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since the 2016 semi-finals, when she and Karolina Pliskova defeated Switzerland's Viktorija Golubic/Martina Hingis to secure progress to the semi-finals. Hradecka won the decisive doubles match alongside Kveta Peschke in the 2011 final, defeating Russia's Maria Kirilenko/Elena Vesnina to win the first of Czech Republic's 6 titles during the 2010s. She was also nominated for the finals in 2012, 2014 and 2016, all of which were won by Czech Republic – her only appearance in those finals came in 2014, when she and Andrea Hlavackova fell to Julia Goerges/Sabine Lisicki in a dead doubles match.

Germany – Team Information

- **GERMANY** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 3rd time and equal France in 7th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup titles won.
- Germany **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Brazil 4-0 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Florianopolis. It was their 3rd consecutive victory in an away tie.
- Germany are bidding to **win 3 consecutive ties for the first time since 2013-14**, when the team won 4 straight ties to win promotion to the World Group in 2013 before reaching the final in 2014. The team defeated Latvia in the World Group Play-offs in 2019 before their victory against Brazil in the Qualifiers last year.
- Germany are **2-time Billie Jean King Cup champions**, having won the title in both 1987 (d. USA) and 1992 (d. Spain). Their best performance since winning the title in 1992 is reaching the final in 2014, when they fell to Czech Republic 3-1 in Prague.
- Germany are ranked No. 6 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest ranking is No. 3, which they reached for the first time in February 2015.

Germany – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Helga Masthoff	38-18
2.	Anke Huber	29-16
3.	Steffi Graf Claudia Kohde-Kilsch	28-4 28-12
5.	Bettina Bunge	27-9

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Anke Huber	24-9
2.	Helga Masthoff	23-10
3.	Steffi Graf	20-2
4.	Claudia Kohde-Kilsch	17-8
5.	Bettina Bunge	16-3

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Helga Masthoff	15-8
2=	Bettina Bunge Claudia Kohde-Kilsch	11-6 11-4
4.	Barbara Rittner	10-13
5=	Katja Ebbinghaus Anna-Lena Groenefeld	9-5 9-11

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a German player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Helga Masthoff	33
2.	Barbara Rittner	29
3.	Anke Huber	26
4.	Claudia Kohde-Kilsch	25
5.	Bettina Bunge Anna-Lena Groenefeld	23 23

Germany – 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
Angelique Kerber	2007	9	14	13-12	0-0
Andrea Petkovic	2007	9	16	13-9	2-4
Jule Niemeier	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Anna-Lena Friedsam	2020	1	1	0-0	1-0
Nastasja Schunk	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0

• [ANGELIQUE KERBER](#)

- **Age:** 33 (born 18 January 1988 in Bremen, Germany)
- **Rankings:** 12 (singles), 380 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Bad Homburg; SF Wimbledon, Cincinnati; QF Melbourne 3, Indian Wells; R16 US Open
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Kerber returns to the German Billie Jean King Cup team for the first time since the 2018 semi-finals, when she fell to Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova and Petra Kvitova. She was a key member of the German team which reached the final in 2014, winning all 4 matches she contested in victories over Slovakia and Australia before losing to both Lucie Safarova and Kvitova as the team fell to Czech Republic in the final.

• [ANDREA PETKOVIC](#)

- **Age:** 34 (born 9 September 1987 in Tuzla, Yugoslavia)
- **Rankings:** 75 (singles), 136 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Cluj-Napoca; RU Hamburg
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Chicago
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Petkovic ended a 3-match Billie Jean King Cup singles losing streak in her last appearance in the competition, defeating Jelena Ostapenko as Germany recorded a World Group Play-off victory over Latvia in 2019. She had previously not recorded a singles match-win in the competition since defeating Monica Niculescu during Germany's 2016 World Group Play-off victory against Romania. Like Kerber, she was also an important member of the Germany team which reached the final in 2014, recording singles victories against Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova and Australia's Samantha Stosur before falling to Czech Republic's Kvitova in the final.

• [JULE NIEMEIER](#)

- **Age:** 22 (born 12 August 1999 in Dortmund, Germany)
- **Rankings:** 131 (singles), unranked (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** SF Strasbourg, Hamburg
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Niemeier could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.

• [ANNA-LENA FRIEDSAM](#)

- **Age:** 27 (born 1 February 1994 in Neuwied, Germany)
- **Rankings:** 137 (singles), 92 (doubles)
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Nur-Sultan; RU Bogota
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Friedsam made her Billie Jean King Cup debut during Germany's victory over Brazil in the 2020 Qualifiers. She and Antonia Lottner defeated Laura Pigossi/Luisa Stefani in the dead doubles match.

• [NASTASJA SCHUNK](#)

- **Age:** 18 (born 17 August 2003 in Mainz, Germany)
- **Rankings:** 297 (singles), 1313 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Schunk, who reached the Wimbledon girls' singles final this year, could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.

Switzerland – Team Information

- [SWITZERLAND](#) are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the first time. They are one of 3 nations – alongside Belarus and Canada – competing at the Finals to have never won the Billie Jean King Cup title.
- Switzerland **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Canada 3-1 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Biel, with Jil Teichmann defeating Gabriela Dabrowski to secure Switzerland's place at the Finals. Prior to the Qualifiers, Switzerland had won just one of their last 5 ties in the competition.
- Switzerland are bidding to end a **4-tie losing streak in ties played away from home**. Since defeating Germany in the 2016 World Group first round in Leipzig, they have lost all 4 ties that they have played outside Switzerland – falling to Belarus in Minsk (2017), Czech Republic in Prague (2018), Romania in Cluj-Napoca (2018) and USA in San Antonio (2019).
- Switzerland's **best Billie Jean King Cup result** is finishing runners-up in 1998. The team of Martina Hingis and Patty Schnyder led Spain 2-1 after two singles wins for Hingis, but slipped to defeat against Conchita Martinez/Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the deciding doubles match.
- Switzerland are ranked No. 15 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking** – they reached their best ranking of No. 4 in February 2017.

Switzerland – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Patty Schnyder	50-23
2.	Petra Delhees-Jauch	33-15
3.	Martina Hingis	29-7
4.	Timea Bacsinszky	28-25
5.	Emmanuelle Gagliardi	23-9

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Patty Schnyder	33-17
2.	Timea Bacsinszky	20-19
3.	Petra Delhees-Jauch	19-6
4.	Martina Hingis	18-4
5=	Belinda Bencic	10-5
	Myriam Casanova	10-6
	Emmanuelle Gagliardi	10-7
	Emanuela Zardo	10-9

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Patty Schnyder	17-6
2.	Petra Delhees-Jauch	14-9
3=	Emmanuelle Gagliardi	13-2
	Christiane Jolissaint	13-10
5.	Martina Hingis	11-3

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Swiss player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Patty Schnyder	38
2=	Timea Bacsinszky	27
	Petra Delhees-Jauch	27
4.	Emanuela Zardo	26
5.	Christiane Jolissaint	24

Switzerland – Player Information

Player	FC debut year	FC years played	FC ties played	FC singles win-loss	FC doubles win-loss
Belinda Bencic	2012	8	11	10-5	4-2
Jil Teichmann	2018	2	3	2-0	2-0
Viktorija Golubic	2014	6	9	4-5	3-2
Stefanie Voegelé	2005	9	15	5-11	1-4

• [BELINDA BENCIC](#)

- **Age:** 24 (born 10 March 1997 in Flawil, Switzerland)
- **Rankings:** 9 (singles), 153 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Tokyo Olympics; RU Adelaide, Berlin; QF Madrid, Cincinnati, US Open, Luxembourg, Ostrava, Chicago
- **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Tokyo Olympics; SF Madrid
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Bencic will claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup match-wins by a Swiss player – ahead of Myriam Casanova, Emmanuelle Gagliardi and Emanuela Zardo – if she wins a singles match this week. She won one of the 2 matches she played during Switzerland's victory over Canada in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating Gabriela Dabrowski but falling to Leylah Fernandez.

• [JIL TEICHMANN](#)

- **Age:** 24 (born 15 July 1997 in Barcelona, Spain)
- **Rankings:** 39 (singles), 104 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Cincinnati; SF Adelaide, Dubai; QF Melbourne 4, Ostrava
- **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Hamburg; SF Madrid
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Teichmann made her Billie Jean King Cup singles debut during Switzerland's victory over Canada in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating Fernandez in the opening match of the tie before securing Switzerland's place at the Finals with a win against Dabrowski. She has also played (and won) 2 dead doubles matches in the competition, in Switzerland's defeats to both Czech Republic and Romania in 2018.

• [VIKTORIJA GOLUBIC](#)

- **Age:** 29 (born 16 October 1992 in Zurich, Switzerland)
- **Rankings:** 45 (singles), 145 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Lyon, Monterrey; QF Wimbledon, Eastbourne
- **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Tokyo Olympics
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Golubic for Switzerland's victory over Canada in the 2020 Qualifiers but did not play a match. She won 2 of the 3 Billie Jean King Cup matches she contested in 2019, defeating Italy's Camila Giorgi and USA's Madison Keys, but falling to Sloane Stephens in Switzerland's World Group play-off defeat to USA. Her only other singles victories in the competition both came in Switzerland's defeat to Czech Republic in the 2016 semi-finals, when she defeated both Karolina Pliskova and Barbora Strycova before she and Martina Hingis lost a decisive doubles match.

• [STEFANIE VOEGELE](#)

- **Age:** 31 (born 10 March 1990 in Leuggern, Switzerland)
- **Rankings:** 116 (singles), 962 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** QF Bogota
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Voegelé returned to the team for the first time since 2014 in Switzerland's World Group II first round victory against Italy in 2019, winning the dead doubles match alongside Bacsinszky. She was also nominated for Switzerland's victory over Canada in the 2020 Qualifiers but did not play a match. She has not won a singles match in the competition since defeating Alison van Uytvanck in Switzerland's 2013 World Group II first round victory against Belgium.