

BILLIE JEAN KING CUP BY BNP PARIBAS FINALS 2021

3 NOVEMBER – DAY THREE PREVIEW NOTES

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On court today:

- Defending champions France return to court today looking to bounce back from their shock upset against Canada on Monday. The French have reached the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals in 4 of the last 5 seasons, but that record is now under serious threat – only a 3-0 victory will do for France today if they are to maintain that record and keep their title defence alive. Their opponents are the Russian Tennis Federation team, who impressed in a 3-0 defeat of Canada on Tuesday, with singles wins for Daria Kasatkina and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and a doubles triumph for Veronika Kudermetova and debutant Liudmila Samsonova. Winning one match today will be enough to ensure that RTF reach the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the first time since 2015.
- USA and Spain contest their first Billie Jean King Cup tie in 21 years in the evening session, with the Americans looking to improve on their 5-4 head-to-head record against Spain. Both teams were pushed to the limit by Slovakia in their opening ties this week – but while Spain got the better of the Slovaks in the match tiebreak of a decisive doubles clash, USA succumbed to defeat, also in the match tiebreak of the decisive doubles match. Those results have made for a very tight group, but Spain have the clear advantage going into today's match-up with the Americans – a Spanish victory today will see them advance to the semi-finals, but there is still hope for USA, as a 3-0 victory for Kathy Rinaldi's team will see them through to the last 4. Should USA win 2-1, it will be time to get the calculator out, with the group to be determined by sets win-loss record, and possibly even games win-loss record (see page 2).

Qualification scenarios:

Group A

Russian Tennis Federation:

- will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat France
- will advance to the semi-finals if they lose to France 2-1
- cannot finish in first place in the group if they lose to France 3-0

France:

- will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat RTF 3-0
- cannot finish in first place in the group if they defeat RTF 2-1
- cannot finish in first place in the group if they lose to RTF

Canada:

- cannot finish in first place in the group because they cannot equal RTF's match win-loss record should all teams finish with a 1-1 tie win-loss record

Group B

Australia:

- will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Belarus
- cannot finish in first place in the group if they lose to Belarus

Belarus:

- will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Australia 3-0
- will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Australia 2-1 AND lose no more than 2 sets
- cannot finish in first place in the group if they defeat Australia 2-1 AND lose 3 or more sets
- cannot finish in first place in the group if they lose to Australia

Belgium:

- will advance to the semi-finals if Belarus defeat Australia 2-1 but Australia win 3 or more sets
- cannot finish in first place in the group if Australia defeat Belarus
- cannot finish in first place in the group if Belarus defeat Australia 3-0
- cannot finish in first place in the group if Belarus defeat Australia 2-1 AND lose no more than 2 sets

Group C

Spain:

- will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat USA
- will advance to the semi-finals if they lose to USA 2-1 AND win the same number of sets as USA today (see chart below)
- may advance to the semi-finals if they lose to USA 2-1 AND win only one set fewer than USA today – in this scenario, the winning team will be the one with the highest games win-percentage (see chart below)
- cannot finish in first place in the group if they lose to USA 2-1 AND win 2 sets fewer than USA today (see chart below)
- cannot finish in first place in the group if they lose to USA 3-0

USA:

- will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Spain 3-0
- will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Spain 2-1 AND win at least 2 more sets than Spain today (see chart below)
- may advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Spain 2-1 AND win only one more set than Spain today – in this scenario, the winning team will be the one with the highest games win-percentage (see chart below)
- cannot finish in first place in the group if they defeat Spain 2-1 AND win the same number of sets as Spain today
- cannot finish in first place in the group if they lose to Spain

Slovakia:

- cannot finish in first place in the group because even in a scenario where all teams are equal on ties, matches and sets won, they have a games win-percentage of less than 50% (64-66) – and at least one of Spain or USA will have a games win-percentage of 50% or higher

Possible outcomes if USA defeat Spain 2-1

Sets won by USA	Sets won by Spain	Outcome
4	2	USA advance to semi-finals
4	3	Settled on best games win-loss record*
4	4	Spain advance to semi-finals
5	2	USA advance to semi-finals
5	3	USA advance to semi-finals
5	4	Settled on best games win-loss record*

*Slovakia cannot finish in first place in the group because they have a games win-loss record of 64-66 (49%).
At least one of Spain or USA will have a games win-percentage of 50% or higher.

Group D

Czech Republic:

- will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Switzerland

Switzerland:

- will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Czech Republic

Germany:

- will finish in 3rd place in their group after losing both their group stage ties

Group Stages

Group A Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	RTF	1	1-0	3-0 (100%)	6-1 (86%)	40-20 (67%)
2.	Canada	1	1-1	2-4 (33%)	5-9 (36%)	59-76 (44%)
3.	France	0	0-1	1-2 (33%)	3-4 (43%)	36-39 (48%)

Group B Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Australia	1	1-0	2-1 (67%)	4-4 (50%)	35-38 (48%)
2.	Belgium	1	1-1	3-3 (50%)	8-7 (53%)	73-61 (54%)
3.	Belarus	0	0-1	1-2 (33%)	3-4 (43%)	26-35 (43%)

Group C Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Spain	1	1-0	2-1 (67%)	5-4 (56%)	37-34 (52%)
2.	Slovakia	1	1-1	3-3 (50%)	8-8 (50%)	64-66 (49%)
3.	USA	0	0-1	1-2 (33%)	3-4 (43%)	29-30 (49%)

Group D Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Switzerland	1	1-0	3-0 (100%)	6-1 (86%)	40-25 (62%)
2.	Czech Republic	1	1-0	2-1 (67%)	5-3 (62%)	36-33 (52%)
3.	Germany	0	0-2	1-5 (33%)	4-11 (38%)	58-76 (43%)

Knockout Stages

Semi-finals

Final

Champion

Winner Group A

Winner Group C

Winner Group D

Winner Group B

GROUP A – FRANCE v RUSSIAN TENNIS FEDERATION

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Head-to-head: RTF leads 6-3

1985	Quarter-final	Hard (O)	Nagoya (JPN)	USSR d. France 2-1
1992	Second Round	Clay (O)	Frankfurt (GER)	France d. CIS 3-0
1999	WG First Round	Carpet (I)	Moscow (RUS)	Russia d. France 3-2
2000	Finals Group C	Carpet (I)	Moscow (RUS)	France d. Russia 3-0
2001	Finals Group A	Clay (I)	Madrid (ESP)	Russia d. France 2-1
2003	Semi-final	Carpet (I)	Moscow (RUS)	France d. Russia 3-2
2004	Final	Carpet (I)	Moscow (RUS)	Russia d. France 3-2
2005	Final	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	Russia d. France 3-2
2011	WG First Round	Hard (I)	Moscow (RUS)	Russia d. France 3-2

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 back-to-back finals in 2004 and 2005, before winning a first round clash in 2011. The last French victory came in the semi-finals in Moscow in 2003.

FRANCE	v	RTF
1	BJK Cup Nations Ranking	7
Champions	Best Result	Champions
1997, 2003, 2019	First Year Played	2004-05, 2007-08
1963	Seasons Played	1968*
58	Ties Played	44*
154	Ties Win-Loss	141
94-60		104-71

*Players from RTF represented USSR from 1968 to 1991 and CIS in 1992

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 are bidding to **reach the semi-finals for the 3rd consecutive Billie Jean King Cup season**. They have reached the semi-finals in 4 of the last 5 seasons – the only occasion where they did not reach the semifinals during that time was in 2017, where they fell to Switzerland in the World Group first round.
- 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's defeat to Canada here on Monday **ended a 3-tie winning streak**. The team had not previously 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.
- Captain Julien Benneteau** guided the team to the title during his first season in charge in 2019. The defeat to Canada on Monday was his first as France's Billie Jean King Cup captain. 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.

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	12	19	5-14	4-5
Caroline Garcia	2013	5	10	11-6	7-1
Clara Burel	2021	1	1	0-0	0-1
Fiona Ferro	2019	2	2	0-1	0-1

- **ALIZE CORNET**

- **Age:** 31 (born 22 January 1990 in Nice, France)
- **Rankings:** 59 (singles), 281 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** RU Chicago; SF Berlin, Tenerife; QF Luxembourg
- **2021 doubles highlights:** QF Melbourne 1
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Cornet will become the 6th French player to contest 20 Billie Jean King Cup ties if she plays today. She recorded her 5th singles match-win in the competition by defeating Canada's Rebecca Marino on Monday, before she and Burel fell to Gabriela Dabrowski/Marino in the decisive doubles match. 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:** 75 (singles), 170 (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:** 77 (singles), 268 (doubles)
 - **2021 singles highlights:** RU Lausanne; QF Lyon
 - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Burel made her Billie Jean King Cup debut during France's defeat to Canada on Monday, losing the decisive doubles match alongside Cornet with the pair falling to Dabrowski/Marino in straight sets.

- **FIONA FERRO**
 - **Age:** 24 (born 12 March 1997 in Libramont, Belgium)
 - **Rankings:** 105 (singles), 410 (doubles)
 - **2021 singles highlights:** SF Lyon; QF Lausanne, Istanbul
 - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Ferro made her first appearance in a live Billie Jean King Cup match on Monday, falling to Francoise Abanda in the opening match of the team's defeat to Canada. 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 are bidding to **reach the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the first time since 2015**, when the team finished runners-up, falling to Czech Republic in the final.
- 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 **6-tie Billie Jean King Cup winning streak** – a run which includes their victory against Canada here on Tuesday. 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 2015.
- 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.
- **Captain Igor 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 6 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.

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	9	15	10-9	5-2
Daria Kasatkina	2016	4	6	4-1	2-2
Veronika Kudermetova	2014	3	4	0-3	1-1
Ekaterina Alexandrova	2020	1	1	2-0	0-0
Liudmila Samsonova	2021	1	1	0-0	1-0

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

- **Age:** 30 (born 3 July 1991 in Samara, Russia)
- **Rankings:** 12 (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 11th Billie Jean King Cup singles match-win today, having won the first match she played this week, a 3-set triumph over Rebecca Marino during RTF's win over Canada on Tuesday. She is also bidding to extend a 5-match winning streak in the competition, having not lost a match in the competition since falling to Jelena Ostapenko in RTF'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), 284 (doubles)
 - **2021 singles highlights:** Won Melbourne 4, St Petersburg; RU Birmingham, San Jose; QF Eastbourne, Cleveland
 - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Kasatkina has won 4 of the 5 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she has contested – including her victory over Canada’s Carol Zhao here on Tuesday. Her only singles defeat in the competition came 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:** 31 (singles), 11 (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 recorded her first Billie Jean King Cup match-win on Tuesday, partnering Samsonova to a doubles victory over Canada’s Gabriela Dabrowski/Marino. Prior to this week, she had made 3 appearances in the competition and lost all 4 matches she had 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:** 32 (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:** 40 (singles), 1342 (doubles)
 - **2021 singles highlights:** Won Berlin; SF Luxembourg, Courmayeur; R16 Wimbledon
 - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Samsonova made her Billie Jean King Cup debut on Tuesday, partnering Kudermetova to a doubles victory over Canada’s Dabrowski/Marino.

GROUP C – USA v SPAIN

CENTRE COURT – NOT BEFORE 1700 CET

Head-to-head: USA leads 5-4

1981	Second Round	Clay (O)	Tokyo (JPN)	USA d. Spain 3-0
1986	Second Round	Clay (O)	Prague (TCH)	USA d. Spain 3-0
1989	Final	Hard (O)	Tokyo (JPN)	USA d. Spain 3-0
1991	Final	Hard (O)	Nottingham (GBR)	Spain d. USA 2-1
1994	Final	Clay (O)	Frankfurt (GER)	Spain d. USA 3-0
1995	Final	Clay (O)	Valencia (ESP)	Spain d. USA 3-2
1996	Final	Carpet (I)	Atlantic City (USA)	USA d. Spain 5-0
1998	Semi-final	Clay (O)	Madrid (ESP)	Spain d. USA 3-2
2000	Final	Carpet (I)	Las Vegas (USA)	USA d. Spain 5-0

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	v	SPAIN
3	BJK Cup Nations Ranking	9
Champions 18 times	Best Result	Champions 5 times
1963	First Year Played	1972
57	Seasons Played	57
192	Ties Played	136
153-39	Ties Win-Loss	83-53

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 are bidding to **reach the semi-finals for the 3rd time in 4 seasons**. The team reached the semi-finals in 2017 (and went on to win the title) and 2018, when they fell to Czech Republic, but lost in the World Group first round in 2019.
- 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 12 Billie Jean King Cup ties**. Since the beginning of the 2016 season, their only defeats have come against Czech Republic in the 2018 final, against Australia in the 2019 World Group first round and against Slovakia in their opening tie here this week.
- USA have **won more Billie Jean King Cup ties than any other nation**. They will bid to win their 154th tie against Spain today.
- 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.
- **Captain Kathy 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.

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	2	2	2-0	0-1
Shelby Rogers	2017	2	4	0-2	2-0
Sloane Stephens	2012	7	7	6-4	1-1
CoCo Vandeweghe	2010	6	10	8-4	5-2
Caroline Dolehide	2021	1	1	0-0	0-1

- **[DANIELLE COLLINS](#)**

- **Age:** 27 (born 13 December 1993 in St Petersburg, FL, USA)
- **Rankings:** 30 (singles), 492 (doubles)
- **2021 singles highlights:** Won Palermo, San Jose; SF Melbourne 4, Budapest; QF Melbourne 2, Adelaide, Hamburg, Chicago
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Collins made just her 2nd Billie Jean King Cup appearance during USA's defeat to Slovakia on Monday, defeating Anna Karolina Schmiedlova in straight sets. She had previously played in just one tie – USA's defeat to Australia in the 2019 World Group first round, when 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:** 42 (singles), 74 (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 made her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since 2017 on Tuesday, falling to Viktoria Kuzmova during the team's defeat to Slovakia. She was a member of the team which won the title in 2017, winning the decisive doubles match of the final alongside Vandeweghe, defeating Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka/Aliaksandra Sasnovich.

- **SLOANE STEPHENS**
 - **Age:** 28 (born 20 March 1993 in For Lauderdale, FL, USA)
 - **Rankings:** 63 (singles), 1085 (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:** 151 (singles), 156 (doubles)
 - **2021 singles highlights:** SF Birmingham
 - **2021 doubles highlights:** RU Chicago; SF San Jose
 - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Vandeweghe has returned 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. She and Dolehide lost the decisive doubles match to Slovakia's Kuzmova/Tereza Mihalikova on Tuesday.

- **CAROLINE DOLEHIDE**
 - **Age:** 23 (born 5 September 1998 in Hinsdale, IL, USA)
 - **Rankings:** 197 (singles), 28 (doubles)
 - **2021 doubles highlights:** Won Monterrey; RU Nottingham, Chicago; SF Wimbledon; QF US Open
 - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Dolehide made her Billie Jean King Cup during USA's defeat to Slovakia on Tuesday, when she and Vandeweghe lost the decisive doubles match to Kuzmova/Mihalikova.

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 are bidding to **reach the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the first time since 2008**, when the team finished as runners-up, falling to Russia in the final.
- 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 **5-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 recorded victories over Paraguay in 2018, Japan in both 2019 and 2020, and Belgium in 2019 before defeating Slovakia in their opening match here on Monday.

- 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.
- Captain Anabel 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 5 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.

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
	Carla Suarez Navarro	19-12
5.	Anabel Medina Garrigues	18-16

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	17-9
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	7	3-3	3-0
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	17	17-9	2-3

- **SARA SORRIBES TORMO**
 - **Age:** 25 (born 8 October 1996 in Castellon, Spain)
 - **Rankings:** 37 (singles), 69 (doubles)
 - **2021 singles highlights:** Won Guadalajara; SF Monterrey, Bad Homburg, Cleveland; QF Abu Dhabi, Miami, Montreal
 - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Sorribes Tormo recorded her 3rd Billie Jean King Cup singles victory on Monday after defeating Slovakia's Anna Karolina Schmiedlova in straight sets. She also defeated Naomi Osaka during Spain's win against Japan in the 2020 Qualifiers. She maintained her perfect record in Billie Jean King Cup doubles matches on Monday too, defeating Slovakia's Viktoria Kuzmova/Tereza Mihalikova in the decisive doubles match alongside Suarez Navarro.
- **NURIA PARRIZAS-DIAZ**
 - **Age:** 30 (born 15 July 1991 in Granada, Spain)
 - **Rankings:** 66 (singles), 359 (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:** 167 (singles), 270 (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:** 163 (singles), 86 (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:** 330 (singles), 1103 (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 today. She will claim sole ownership of 3rd place if she wins 2 or more matches. She had won 7 of her last 8 singles matches in the competition prior to this week, but fell to Kuzmova in the opening match of Spain's victory over Slovakia on Monday. She then partnered Sorribes Tormo to a win against Kuzmova/Mihalikova in the decisive doubles match. Suarez Navarro has announced that 2021 will be her final season as a professional and she will retire after this event.