

## **2022 BILLIE JEAN KING CUP BY GAINBRIDGE FINALS**

### **11 NOVEMBER – DAY FOUR PREVIEW NOTES**

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#### **On court today:**

- After both recording impressive victories in their opening ties against Italy, Switzerland and Canada meet in the day's opening tie on Centre Court in a straight shoot-out for a semi-final place. The Swiss emerged triumphant on the teams' most-recent encounter, in the 2020 Qualifiers – with Jil Teichmann, who was making her Billie Jean King Cup debut, defeating Gabriela Dabrowski to seal the win for Switzerland. Perhaps the most notable performance of that clash was a surprise win for then-17-year-old Leylah Fernandez over Belinda Bencic – and that duo is set for a re-match today. Bencic and Fernandez have contested 2 further matches, both of which came this season and both of which went to 3 sets. Fernandez won the pair's meeting at Roland Garros, before Bencic recorded her first victory over the Canadian at Guadalajara last month.
- The final tie of the group stage at this year's Billie Jean King Cup Finals is a match-up between the 2 most-successful nations in the competition's history, 11-time winners Czech Republic facing 18-time champions USA. The last time these 2 nations met was the 2018 final in Prague, which the Czechs won to end an 8-tie losing streak against the Americans – and while the stakes are not quite as high this time, tonight's winner will advance to the semi-finals and hope to add to their title haul at the weekend. Both teams' preparations have been hampered by injuries to their top players, with Jessica Pegula and Barbora Krejčíková having to withdraw – but both squads are still full of talented players who will be desperate to get their hands on the trophy at the end of the week.

#### **Semi-final qualification scenarios:**

Please note: all group standings are provisional until officially confirmed by the tournament referee

##### **Group A**

Switzerland:

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

Canada:

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

Italy:

- cannot advance to the semi-finals

##### **Group D**

Czech Republic:

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

USA:

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

Poland:

- cannot advance to the semi-finals

## Group Stages

### Group A Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Canada	1	1-0	3-0 (100%)	6-0 (100%)	37-11 (77%)
2.	Switzerland	1	1-0	3-0 (100%)	6-1 (86%)	43-30 (59%)
3.	Italy	0	0-2	0-6 (0%)	1-12 (8%)	41-80 (34%)

### Group B Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	<b>Australia (Q)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>5-1 (83%)</b>	<b>11-3 (79%)</b>	<b>73-40 (65%)</b>
2.	Slovakia	1	1-1	3-3 (50%)	6-8 (43%)	52-65 (44%)
3.	Belgium	0	0-2	1-5 (17%)	4-10 (29%)	53-73 (42%)

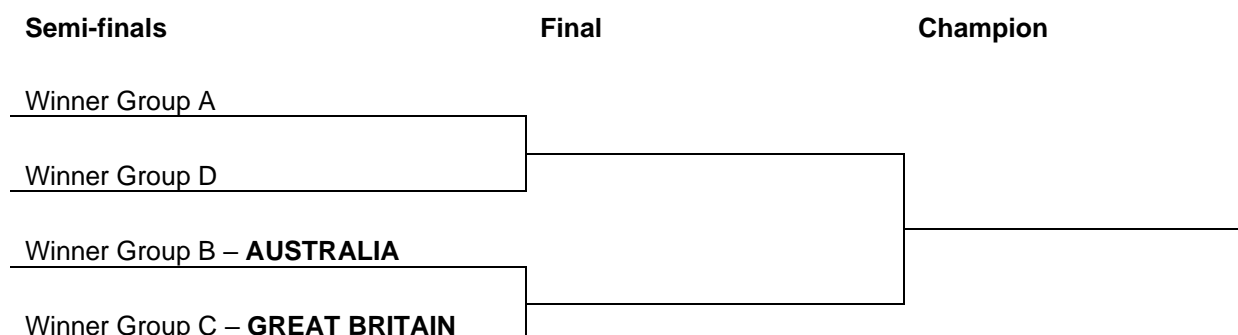
### Group C Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	<b>Great Britain (Q)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>4-2 (67%)</b>	<b>9-4 (69%)</b>	<b>66-51 (56%)</b>
2.	Spain	1	1-1	3-3 (50%)	6-8 (43%)	59-71 (45%)
3.	Kazakhstan	1	1-1	2-4 (33%)	6-9 (40%)	68-71 (49%)

### Group D Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Czech Republic	1	1-0	2-1 (67%)	4-2 (67%)	29-21 (58%)
2.	USA	1	1-0	2-1 (67%)	5-3 (63%)	40-35 (53%)
3.	Poland	0	0-2	2-4 (33%)	5-9 (36%)	56-69 (45%)

## Knockout Stages



## GROUP A – SWITZERLAND v CANADA CENTRE COURT – 1000 GMT

### Head-to-head: tied 3-3

1967	Second round	Clay (O)	Berlin (FRG)	Canada d. Switzerland 2-1
1976	Second round	Carpet (I)	Philadelphia (USA)	Switzerland d. Canada 2-1
1977	Second round	Grass (O)	Eastbourne (GBR)	Canada d. Switzerland 2-1
1994	First round	Clay (O)	Frankfurt (GER)	Canada d. Switzerland 3-0
2004	World Group play-offs	Clay (O)	Dorval (CAN)	Switzerland d. Canada 3-2
2020	Qualifiers	Hard (I)	Biel (SUI)	Switzerland d. Canada 3-1

A 7th Billie Jean King Cup meeting for Switzerland and Canada – and today’s winner will take the lead in the head-to-head between the 2 nations, as well as securing a place in this year’s semi-finals. Switzerland have won the nations’ 2 most-recent clashes, including a tie in the 2020 Qualifiers which featured similar line-ups to those in action today. On that occasion, victories for Jil Teichmann and Belinda Bencic against Leylah Fernandez and Gabriela Dabrowski, respectively, gave the Swiss a comfortable lead after day one – Fernandez upset Bencic to win a point for her nation on day two before Teichmann defeated Dabrowski to seal the win.

SWITZERLAND	v	CANADA
5	<b>BJK Cup Nations Ranking</b>	6
Runners-up 98, 21	<b>Best BJK Cup Result</b>	Semi-finals 1988
1963	<b>First Year Played</b>	1963
57	<b>Seasons Played</b>	58
148	<b>Ties Played</b>	178
83-65	<b>Ties Win-Loss</b>	106-72

### Switzerland – Team Information

- [SWITZERLAND](#) are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the 2nd straight year. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals.
- During the 2020-21 Billie Jean King Cup season, Switzerland **equalled their best Billie Jean King Cup result** by finishing runners-up to the Russian Tennis Federation team. The team defeated Canada 3-1 in the 2020 Qualifiers, and overcame Germany 3-0 and Czech Republic 2-1 in the group stage at the 2021 Finals. They then defeated Australia 2-0 in the semi-finals before falling to RTF 2-0 in the final. As runners-up in 2021, they qualified automatically for the 2022 Finals.
- Switzerland also **finished as Billie Jean King Cup 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 have **won 5 of their last 6 Billie Jean King Cup ties** – including their victory against Italy on Wednesday. Their only defeat in that time came against RTF in the 2021 Final. Prior to the 2020 Qualifiers, they had won just one of their previous 5 ties in the competition.
- Switzerland are ranked No. 5 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking** – one place lower than their highest ranking of No. 4, which they achieved in February 2017.
- **Captain Heinz Guenthardt** has led the team since 2012 and has a 13-8 tie win-loss record as captain. He competed for the Swiss Davis Cup team between 1975 and 1990 and had a 36-28 overall match win-loss record.

## 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.	<b>Belinda Bencic</b>	<b>14-6</b>

### 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 Christiane Jolissaint	13-2 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 Petra Delhees-Jauch	27 27
4.	Emanuela Zardo	26
5.	Christiane Jolissaint	24

## Switzerland – 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
Belinda Bencic	2012	9	16	14-6	6-2
Jil Teichmann	2018	3	8	4-1	5-0
Viktorija Golubic	2014	8	11	5-6	4-2
Simona Waltert	2022	0	0	0-0	0-0

- **BELINDA BENCIC**

- **Age:** 25 (born 10 March 1997 in Flawil, Switzerland)
- **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 12 (singles), 133 (doubles)
- **2022 singles highlights:** Won Charleston; RU Berlin; SF Miami, Tallinn; QF Sydney, St Petersburg, 's-Hertogenbosch, Lausanne, Toronto
- **2022 doubles highlights:** SF Charleston
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Bencic won both matches she contested during Switzerland's victory over Italy on Wednesday, defeating Jasmine Paolini in singles and partnering Teichmann to a win against Paolini/Martina Trevisan in doubles. She also won 4 of the 5 matches she contested at the 2021 Finals, with her only defeat coming against Russian Tennis Federation's Liudmila Samsonova in the final, and is in 5th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup match-wins by a Swiss player. In addition to her Billie Jean King Cup record, she also won the women's singles gold medal and women's singles silver medal alongside Golubic representing Switzerland at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event last year.

- **JIL TEICHMANN**
  - **Age:** 25 (born 15 July 1997 in Barcelona, Spain)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 35 (singles), 106 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** SF Madrid; QF Dubai, Rome; R16 Roland Garros
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** RU Berlin
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Teichmann has won 4 of the 5 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she has contested – including her 3-set victory against Elisabetta Cocciaretto during Switzerland’s victory over Italy on Wednesday. Her only singles defeat in the competition came against Russian Tennis Federation’s Daria Kasatkina in the 2021 final. She has also won all 5 doubles matches she has contested in the competition, including her victory alongside Bencic against Italy’s Paolini/Trevisan on Wednesday.
- **VIKTORIJA GOLUBIC**
  - **Age:** 30 (born 16 October 1992 in Zurich, Switzerland)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 77 (singles), 90 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** SF Nottingham; QF Melbourne 1, Strasbourg, Warsaw
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** SF Warsaw, Cluj-Napoca
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Golubic won 2 of the 3 matches she contested at the 2021 Finals. She defeated Andrea Petkovic and partnered Teichmann to a win against Anna-Lena Friedsam/Nastasja Schunk during Switzerland’s victory over Germany, but fell to Marketa Vondrousova during Switzerland’s victory against Czech Republic. She did not play in either the semi-final victory over Australia or the defeat to Russian Tennis Federation in the final.
- **SIMONA WALTERT**
  - **Age:** 21 (born 13 December 2000 in Chur, Switzerland)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 120 (singles), 399 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** QF Lausanne
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Waltert could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

## Canada – Team Information

- **CANADA** are bidding to reach the semi-finals for the 2nd time and equal their best Billie Jean King Cup result. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals.
- Canada **advanced to the Finals** after defeating Latvia 4-0 in the Qualifiers in Vancouver in April. Leylah Fernandez defeated both Daria Semenistaja and Daniela Vismane, dropping a total of just 6 games, while Rebecca Marino recorded a 3-set victory against Vismane.
- **During the 2020-21 Billie Jean King Cup season**, Canada fell to Switzerland 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Biel in February 2020, before defeating Serbia 4-0 in the Play-offs in Kraljevo in April 2021. As the highest-ranked winning nation in the Play-offs, the team were awarded a place in the 2021 Finals (replacing former host nation Hungary) – they finished in 2nd place in Group A at the Finals, defeating France 2-1 but falling to Russian Tennis Federation 3-0.
- 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 rose to No. 6 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking** after defeating Latvia in the Qualifiers this year – their highest-ever position on the rankings. Their highest ranking prior to this year was No. 8, which they held between April 2014 and February 2015.
- **Captain Sylvain Bruneau** is temporarily replacing Heidi el Tabakh this week, who misses the Finals due to personal reasons. He previously captained the team between 2010 and 2018 before also replacing El Tabakh as a temporary captain at the Finals last year. He has an 18-10 tie win-loss record as captain. He never competed for Canada in Davis Cup.

## 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
Leylah Fernandez	2019	2	5	6-2	1-0
Bianca Andreescu	2017	4	9	8-3	3-0
Rebecca Marino	2011	4	8	4-6	3-2
Carol Zhao	2016	4	5	0-2	3-1
Gabriela Dabrowski	2013	9	17	0-5	10-7

### • [LEYLAH FERNANDEZ](#)

- **Age:** 20 (born 6 September 2002 in Montreal, Canada)
- **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 40 (singles), 76 (doubles)
- **2022 singles highlights:** Won Monterrey; QF Roland Garros
- **2022 doubles highlights:** SF Indian Wells
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Fernandez is bidding to extend her 7-match Billie Jean King Cup winning streak. She lost the first 2 matches she contested in the competition – falling to Czech Republic's Marketa Vondrousova in 2019 and to Switzerland's Jil Teichmann in 2020 – but has won all 7 Billie Jean King Cup matches she has played since then. She dropped just 2 games in 2 matches during Canada's victory over Italy on Thursday, defeating Martina Trevisan 6-0 6-0 in singles and partnering Dabrowski to a 6-1 6-1 win against Lucia Bronzetti/Jasmine Paolini in doubles. Her victory over Trevisan was the first 6-0 6-0 win of her professional career.

- **BIANCA ANDREESCU**
  - **Age:** 22 (born 16 June 2000 in Mississauga, Canada)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 45 (singles), 380 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** RU Bad Homburg; QF Rome
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** SF Berlin
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Andreescu made a winning return to the Canadian Billie Jean King Cup team on Thursday, defeating Italy's Elisabetta Cocciaretto in straight sets. It was her first appearance in the competition since 2019, when she won both matches she contested during Canada's World Group II victory against Netherlands. She has won 11 of the 14 matches she has contested since making her Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2017.
- **REBECCA MARINO**
  - **Age:** 31 (born 16 December 1990 in Toronto, Canada)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 64 (singles), 357 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** QF Washington, Granby, Chennai
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** SF Granby
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Marino made her Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2011, but did not compete again until the 2019 season. She won just one of the 4 matches she played at the 2021 Finals – when she and Dabrowski defeated France's Clara Burel/Alize Cornet in a decisive doubles match – but defeated Vismane in 3 sets during Canada's victory against Latvia in the Qualifiers this year.
- **CAROL ZHAO**
  - **Age:** 27 (born 20 June 1995 in Chongqing, China, P.R.)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 163 (singles), 564 (doubles)
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Zhao has lost the only 2 singles matches she has contested in the competition, falling to Romania's Sorana Cirstea in the 2018 World Group II first round and to Russian Tennis Federation's Daria Kasatkina at the 2021 Finals. She and Dabrowski won a dead doubles match against Semenistaja/Vismane during Canada's victory against Latvia in the Qualifiers this year. 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:** 30 (born 1 April 1992 in Ottawa, Canada)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 1012 (singles), 7 (doubles)
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** Won Madrid, Chennai, Tokyo; RU Rome, San Diego; SF Indian Wells, Berlin, San Jose, Toronto; QF US Open
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Dabrowski ended a 3-match Billie Jean King Cup losing streak at the 2021 Finals when she and Marino defeated France's Burel/Cornet in a decisive doubles match. She had previously 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 but has a 10-7 win-loss record in doubles, and a 3-1 win-loss record in decisive doubles matches. She won her first match at this year's Finals, partnering Fernandez to a victory against Italy's Bronzetti/Paolini on Thursday.

## GROUP D – CZECH REPUBLIC v USA

### CENTRE COURT – NOT BEFORE 1600 GMT

#### Head-to-head: USA lead 10-3

1980	Semi-final	Clay (O)	Berlin (FRG)	USA d. Czechoslovakia 3-0
1982	Semi-final	Hard (O)	Santa Clara, CA (USA)	USA d. Czechoslovakia 3-0
1983	Semi-final	Clay (O)	Zurich (SUI)	Czechoslovakia d. USA 2-0
1985	Final	Hard (O)	Nagoya (JPN)	Czechoslovakia d. USA 2-1
1986	Final	Clay (O)	Prague (TCH)	USA d. Czechoslovakia 3-0
1989	Semi-final	Hard (O)	Tokyo (JPN)	USA d. Czechoslovakia 2-0
1990	Quarter-final	Hard (O)	Atlanta, GA (USA)	USA d. Czechoslovakia 2-1
1991	Semi-final	Hard (O)	Nottingham (GBR)	USA d. Czechoslovakia 3-0
1994	First round	Clay (O)	Frankfurt (GER)	USA d. Czech Republic 3-0
2003	World Group first round	Hard (I)	Lowell, MA (USA)	USA d. Czech Republic 5-0
2009	World Group semi-final	Hard (I)	Brno (CZE)	USA d. Czech Republic 3-2
2017	World Group semi-final	Clay (O)	Tampa, FL (USA)	USA d. Czech Republic 3-2
2018	World Group final	Hard (I)	Prague (CZE)	Czech Republic d. USA 3-0

A 14th Billie Jean King Cup meeting for Czech Republic and USA. In their last meeting, in the 2018 final, the Czechs ended an 8-tie losing streak against USA, winning 3-0 thanks to 2 victories for Katarina Siniakova and one victory for Barbora Strycova.

The Czechs and Americans have met in 3 Billie Jean King Cup finals – in addition to Czech Republic's victory in 2018, the teams also met in the 1985 and 1986 finals. The Czechs won the 1985 final, with Helena Sukova and Hana Mandlikova both winning singles rubbers to seal victory, but the Americans hit back in Prague a year later, with Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova winning their singles rubbers to win the title for USA.

With a combined total of 29 titles, Czech Republic (11 titles) and USA (18) are the 2 most-successful nations in Billie Jean King Cup history.

<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>USA</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>BJK Cup Nations Ranking</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Champions 11 times</b>	<b>Best BJK Cup Result</b>	<b>Champions 18 times</b>
<b>1963*</b>	<b>First Year Played</b>	<b>1963</b>
<b>50*</b>	<b>Seasons Played</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>146</b>	<b>Ties Played</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>108-38</b>	<b>Ties Win-Loss</b>	<b>156-40</b>

\*Czech players represented Czechoslovakia until 1992  
Czech Republic takes Czechoslovakia's historical record

#### Czech Republic – Team Information

- **CZECH REPUBLIC** are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the first time since 2018. They are making their 2nd appearance at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals.
- Czech Republic **advanced to the Finals** after defeating Great Britain 3-2 in the Qualifiers in Prague in April. Marketa Vondrousova/Karolina Muchova defeated Harriet Dart/Katie Swan in a decisive doubles match to secure Czech Republic's place at the Finals.
- **During the 2020-21 Billie Jean King Cup season**, Czech Republic were awarded a wild card for the Finals. The team finished in 2nd place in Group D, defeating Germany 2-1 but falling to Switzerland 2-1.
- 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 5 titles – in 1975, 1983-85 and 1988.
- 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).

- **Prior to 1994**, Czech players competed for Czechoslovakia. Czech Republic have inherited Czechoslovakia's historic Billie Jean King Cup record.
- Czech Republic are ranked at No. 4 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They first reached the No. 1 ranking in April 2012 and held the top ranking for more than 5 years, from April 2014 to November 2019.
- **Captain Petr Pala** has led the team since 2008 and has a 28-6 tie win-loss record as captain. He has led the team to 6 titles in that time and is the most successful captain in the competition's history in terms of titles won. He never competed for Czech Republic in Davis Cup.

### 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
Karolina Pliskova	2015	6	9	11-6	4-0
Katerina Siniakova	2017	5	8	4-2	3-4
Marketa Vondrousova	2017	4	6	7-1	2-0
Karolina Muchova	2019	2	3	2-0	1-0

- **KAROLINA PLISKOVA**
  - **Age:** 30 (born 21 March 1992 in Louny, Czech Republic)
  - **Rankings (31 Oct 22):** 32 (singles), 329 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** SF Strasbourg, Toronto; QF Berlin, US Open
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Pliskova has been a member of 2 title-winning Czech teams – and won decisive doubles matches in both the 2015 final, when she and Barbora Strycova defeated Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova/Elena Vesnina, and the 2016 final, when she and Strycova defeated France's Caroline Garcia/Kristina Mladenovic. She made her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since the 2019 World Group first round during Czech Republic's victory against Poland on Thursday, but fell to Magda Linette in the only match she contested.
  
- **KATERINA SINIAKOVA**
  - **Age:** 26 (born 10 May 1996 in Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic)
  - **Rankings (31 Oct 22):** 47 (singles), 1 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** Won Portoroz; QF Hamburg
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** Won Melbourne 2, Australian Open, Berlin, Wimbledon, US Open, Monastir; RU WTA Finals; SF Cleveland, Guadalajara 1000
  - **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 was nominated for Czech Republic's victory against Great Britain in the Qualifiers this year but did not contest a match. She made her first appearance in the competition this year during Czech Republic's victory over Poland on Thursday, partnering Vondrousova and defeating Linette/Katarzyna Kawa in the decisive doubles match.
  
- **MARKETA VONDROUSOVA**
  - **Age:** 23 (born 28 June 1999 in Sokolov, Czech Republic)
  - **Rankings (31 Oct 22):** 99 (singles), 119 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** SF Dubai
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** RU Adelaide
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Vondrousova has won 9 of the 10 Billie Jean King Cup matches she has contested – including her victory alongside Siniakova against Poland's Linette/Kawa on Thursday. Her only defeat in the competition came on her debut, when she fell to CoCo Vandeweghe during Czech Republic's defeat to USA in the 2017 semi-finals. She won all 3 matches she contested during Czech Republic's victory over Great Britain in the Qualifiers this year, defeating both Harriet Dart and Emma Raducanu in singles, and partnering Muchova in a decisive doubles victory against Dart/Katie Swan. She was a member of the Czech team which defeated USA to win the 2015 Junior Billie Jean King Cup title.
  
- **KAROLINA MUCHOVA**
  - **Age:** 26 (born 21 August 1996 in Olomouc, Czech Republic)
  - **Rankings (31 Oct 22):** 149 (singles), 498 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** QF Tallinn
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Muchova has won all 3 Billie Jean King Cup matches she has contested – including her victory against Magdalena Frech during Czech Republic's victory over Poland on Thursday. Her other victories came against Canada's Rebecca Marino in the 2019 World Group play-offs, and alongside Vondrousova against Great Britain's Dart/Swan in the Qualifiers this year.

## USA – Team Information

- **USA** are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the 2nd straight year. This is their 2nd appearance at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals.
- **USA advanced to the Finals** after defeating Ukraine 3-2 in the Qualifiers in Asheville in April, with Asia Muhammad/Jessica Pegula defeating Lyudmyla Kichenok/Dayana Yastremaska in a decisive doubles match to secure USA's place at the Finals.
- **During the 2020-21 Billie Jean King Cup season**, USA qualified for the Finals after defeating Latvia 3-2 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Everett. The team fell to Slovakia 2-1 but then defeated Spain 2-1 to finish in first place in Group C at the Finals, before falling to Russian Tennis Federation 2-1 in the semi-finals.

- USA have **won more Billie Jean King Cup ties than any other nation**. They will bid to win their 157th tie in the competition against Czech Republic today.
- USA have been **crowned Billie Jean King Cup champion 18 times** – more than any other nation. They won their 18th and most-recent 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. 7 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** has led the team since 2017 and has a 10-4 tie win-loss record as captain. She won her first 5 ties as captain, leading the team to the title in 2017 and to the final in 2018, when her winning streak ended with defeat to Czech Republic. 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
Coco Gauff	2022	1	1	0-0	1-0
Madison Keys	2014	5	7	4-5	1-1
Danielle Collins	2019	3	5	5-0	0-1
Caty McNally	2022	1	1	0-0	1-0
Taylor Townsend	2015	1	1	0-0	1-0

### • COCO GAUFF

- **Age:** 18 (born 13 March 2004 in Delray Beach, FL, USA)
- **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 7 (singles), 4 (doubles)
- **2022 singles highlights:** RU Roland Garros; SF Adelaide, Berlin; QF Doha, San Jose, Toronto, US Open, San Diego, Guadalajara 1000
- **2022 doubles highlights:** Won Doha, Toronto, San Diego; RU Stuttgart, Roland Garros; SF Miami
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Gauff made her Billie Jean King Cup debut during USA's victory against Poland on Wednesday, partnering McNally to a win against Magda Linette/Alicja Rosolska. She was previously nominated for USA's 2020 Qualifiers victory over Latvia but did not contest a match. She was a member of USA team which defeated Ukraine to win the 2018 Junior Billie Jean King Cup title in Budapest.

### • MADISON KEYS

- **Age:** 27 (born 17 February 1995 in Rock Island, IL, USA)
- **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 11 (singles), 56 (doubles)
- **2022 singles highlights:** Won Adelaide; SF Australian Open, Cincinnati; QF Indian Wells, San Diego; R16 Roland Garros
- **2022 doubles highlights:** SF Roland Garros, Toronto
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Keys returned to the American Billie Jean King Cup season for the first time since 2019 during USA's victory over Poland on Wednesday, but lost to Magda Linette in 3 sets in the only match she contested during the tie. She has won 5 of the 11 matches she has played in the competition since making her debut in 2014.

### • DANIELLE COLLINS

- **Age:** 28 (born 13 December 1993 in St Petersburg, FL, USA)
- **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 14 (singles), 287 (doubles)
- **2022 singles highlights:** RU Australian Open; SF San Diego; QF Miami; R16 US Open
- **2022 doubles highlights:** SF Wimbledon
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Collins is bidding to maintain her perfect record in Billie Jean King Cup singles matches. She has won all 5 singles matches she has played in the competition – including her first match at this year's Finals, having defeated Magdalena Frech in 3 sets during USA's victory over Poland on Wednesday. She also won all 3 matches she contested at the 2021 Finals, when she recorded victories against Slovakia's Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, Spain's Sara Sorribes Tormo and Russian Tennis Federation's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

### • CATY MCNALLY

- **Age:** 20 (born 20 November 2001 in Cincinnati, OH, USA)
- **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 94 (singles), 21 (doubles)
- **2022 singles highlights:** QF 's-Hertogenbosch, Ostrava
- **2022 doubles highlights:** Won St Petersburg, Ostrava; RU Miami, Washington, US Open
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** McNally made her Billie Jean King Cup debut during USA's victory against Poland on Wednesday, partnering Gauff to a win against Magda Linette/Alicja Rosolska.. She was a member of USA team which defeated Japan to win the 2017 Junior Billie Jean King Cup title in Budapest.

- **TAYLOR TOWNSEND**
  - **Age:** 26 (born 16 April 1996 in Chicago, IL, USA)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 131 (singles), 33 (doubles)
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** RU US Open; SF Roland Garros
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Townsend could contest just her 2nd Billie Jean King Cup match this week. Her only previous appearance in the competition came during USA's 2015 World Group play-off victory against Argentina, when she and Coco Vandeweghe defeated Tatiana Bua/Nadia Podoroska in a dead doubles match. She was a member of the USA team which defeated Russia to win the 2012 Junior Billie Jean King Cup title in Barcelona.