

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

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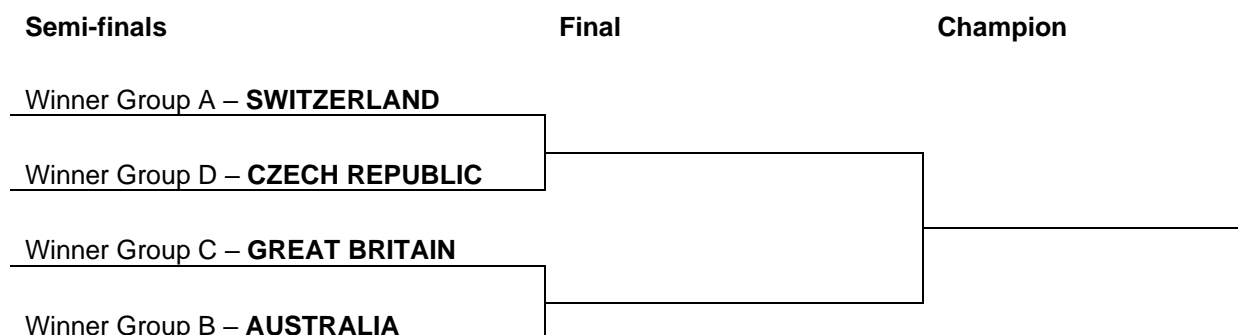
#### **Semi-finals**

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

- Australia will bid to reach a 19th Billie Jean King Cup final when they take on Great Britain in the first of today's semi-finals. The Aussies have been consistent performers in recent years – they are through to the last 4 for the 3rd consecutive season, a feat they have not achieved since they reached the semi-finals every year for the first 20 years of the competition's existence (from 1963 to 1982). The team triumphed against Belarus in the 2019 semi-finals but were knocked out at this stage by Switzerland last season – and Alicia Molik's team will be determined to win today and earn another attempt at winning the trophy this time round.
- For the Brits, who looked down-and-out after losing the first 2 matches of their tie against Kazakhstan on Tuesday, today's tie will be a first Billie Jean King Cup semi-final appearance since 1981 – and, coincidentally, that semi-final clash was also against Australia, which the Brits won thanks to a decisive doubles victory for Sue Barker and Virginia Wade. That meeting was also the most-recent Billie Jean King Cup clash between the Brits and the Aussies – the teams met 10 times in a 14-year period between 1967 and 1981 but have not faced off in the Billie Jean King Cup since then. Of those 10 meetings, 9 were semi-final ties, with the Australians winning 6 and the Brits winning 3. The nations' other previous meeting came in the 1971 final – with the Australians victorious on that occasion.
- 2021 runners-up Switzerland have looked to be in formidable form so far this week, with a comprehensive victory over Italy on Wednesday followed by a triumph against Canada on Friday. This evening the team will take on Czech Republic with a place in the final up for grabs – and Heinz Guenthardt's squad will be confident after they recorded just a 2nd win against the Czechs in 9 meetings at last year's Finals. Belinda Bencic, always a supreme performer when she dons her country's colours, won both a singles match and decisive doubles against Czech Republic in Prague last year – and the 25-year-old, who has now won 7 of the last 8 Billie Jean King Cup matches she has contested, is likely to feature prominently again in this evening's clash.
- The Czechs, meanwhile, have advanced to the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the first time since 2018, which was also the year of their 11th and most-recent title in the competition. By the high standards that Petr Pala's team have set themselves over the last 12 years, such a title drought will feel uncomfortably long, and the Czechs will undoubtedly be keen for a victory today to send them through to the Billie Jean King Cup final for the 13th time. Marketa Vondrousova and Katerina Siniakova both put in impressive singles displays against USA on Friday evening – and they, like Bencic, seem to be at their best when representing their nation. After defeat by the Swiss knocked the Czechs out of the Finals in Prague last year, they will be desperate to avoid that scenario repeating itself this evening.

## Knockout Stages



## Group Stages

### Group A Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	<b>Switzerland (Q)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>5-1 (83%)</b>	<b>10-4 (71%)</b>	<b>73-60 (55%)</b>
2.	Canada	1	1-1	4-2 (67%)	9-4 (69%)	67-41 (62%)
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.	<b>Czech Republic (Q)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>4-2 (67%)</b>	<b>8-4 (67%)</b>	<b>60-46 (57%)</b>
2.	USA	1	1-1	3-3 (67%)	5-3 (63%)	65-66 (50%)
3.	Poland	0	0-2	2-4 (33%)	5-9 (36%)	56-69 (45%)

## GREAT BRITAIN v AUSTRALIA CENTRE COURT – 1000 GMT

### Head-to-head: Australia leads 7-3

1967	Semi-final	Clay (O)	Berlin (FRG)	Great Britain d. Australia 3-0
1968	Semi-final	Clay (O)	Paris (FRA)	Australia d. Great Britain 3-0
1969	Semi-final	Clay (O)	Athens (GRE)	Australia d. Great Britain 3-0
1970	Semi-final	Clay (O)	Freiburg (FRG)	Australia d. Great Britain 3-0
1971	Final	Grass (O)	Perth (AUS)	Australia d. Great Britain 3-0
1972	Semi-final	Hard (O)	Johannesburg (RSA)	Great Britain d. Australia 2-1
1974	Semi-final	Clay (O)	Naples (ITA)	Australia d. Great Britain 3-0
1976	Semi-final	Carpet (I)	Philadelphia, PA (USA)	Australia d. Great Britain 3-0
1977	Semi-final	Grass (O)	Eastbourne (GBR)	Australia d. Great Britain 2-1
1981	Semi-final	Clay (O)	Tokyo (JPN)	Great Britain d. Australia 2-1

An 11th Billie Jean King Cup meeting for Australia and Great Britain – but their first since a semi-final clash in Perth 41 years which was, coincidentally, Great Britain’s most-recent appearance in the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals. The 2 nations met 10 times in a 14-year period between 1967 and 1981 but have not contested a tie in the competition since then.

Of the nations’ 10 previous meetings, 9 have come in semi-finals, with Australia winning 6 and Great Britain winning 3. Their only other meeting came in the 1971 final in Perth – the scene of one of Australia’s 7 title triumphs and one of Great Britain’s 4 runner-up finishes.

Australia and Great Britain are 2 of only 4 nations – alongside France and Italy – to have competed in every Billie Jean King Cup season since the competition was founded in 1963.

AUSTRALIA	v	GREAT BRITAIN
1	<b>BJK Cup Nations Ranking</b>	17
<b>Champions 7 times</b>	<b>Best BJK Cup Result</b>	<b>Runners-up 4 times</b>
1963	<b>First Year Played</b>	1963
59	<b>Seasons Played</b>	59
188	<b>Ties Played</b>	215
134-54	<b>Ties Win-Loss</b>	139-76

### Great Britain – Team Information

- [GREAT BRITAIN](#) are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup final for the 5th time – and for the first time since 1981.
- By reaching the last 4 this year, Great Britain have **reached the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the first time since 1981** – and for the 16th time overall. They have a 4-11 win-loss record in Billie Jean King Cup semi-final ties.
- Great Britain’s best **Billie Jean King Cup result** is reaching the final on 4 occasions – in 1967 (l. USA), 1971 (l. Australia), 1972 (l. South Africa) and 1981 (l. USA).
- Great Britain were **awarded a wild card for the 2022 Finals**. They competed in the Qualifiers in April, falling to Czech Republic 3-2 in Prague, with Harriet Dart/Katie Swan falling to Karolina Muchova/Marketa Vondrousova in a decisive doubles match.
- **During the 2020-21 Billie Jean King Cup season**, Great Britain fell to Slovakia 3-1 in the Qualifiers in Bratislava in February 2020, before defeating Mexico 3-1 in the Play-offs in London in April 2021.
- Great Britain are one of only four nations to have **competed in every Billie Jean King Cup season** – alongside Australia, France and Italy.

- Great Britain are ranked at No. 17 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking** – 6 places lower than their highest position of No. 11, which they reached in April 2019.
- **Captain Anne Keothavong** has led the team since 2017 and has a 14-5 tie win-loss record as captain. She competed in Billie Jean King Cup as a player and had a 22-22 overall match win-loss record.

#### Great Britain – Historical Information

##### Most Billie Jean King Cup match-wins by a British player

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Virginia Wade	66-33
2=	Jo Durie Clare Wood	34-22 34-18
4.	Elena Baltacha	33-16
5=	Sue Barker <b>Heather Watson</b>	31-13 <b>31-14</b>

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Virginia Wade	36-20
2.	<b>Heather Watson</b>	<b>23-11</b>
3.	Anne Keothavong	21-19
4.	Elena Baltacha	19-9
5=	Johanna Konta Clare Wood	18-7 18-10

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Virginia Wade	30-13
2.	Jo Durie	22-6
3.	Anne Hobbs	17-7
4=	Sue Barker Clare Wood	16-5 16-8

##### Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a British player

Rank	Player	Ties played
1.	Virginia Wade	57
2=	Elena Baltacha Anne Keothavong	39 39
4.	Jo Durie	37
5.	Clare Wood	36

#### Great Britain – 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
Harriet Dart	2019	3	6	2-4	2-1
Katie Boulter	2018	4	9	7-1	2-0
Heather Watson	2011	10	34	23-11	8-3
Alicia Barnett	2022	1	2	0-0	2-0
Olivia Nicholls	2022	1	2	0-0	2-0

- **HARRIET DART**
  - **Age:** 26 (born 28 July 1996 in London, Great Britain)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 98 (singles), 120 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** QF Nottingham, Eastbourne
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** RU Granby; SF Portoroz
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Dart recorded her 2nd Billie Jean King Cup match-win on Thursday, defeating Spain's Paula Badosa in straight sets. Her only other singles victory in the competition came during Great Britain's defeat to Czech Republic in the Qualifiers this year, when she defeated Linda Fruhvirtova. She has lost the 2 other Billie Jean King singles matches she has contested this season – to Czech Republic's Marketa Vondrousova in the Qualifiers and to Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina on Tuesday – and also lost the decisive doubles match alongside Katie Swan during Great Britain's defeat to Czech Republic in the Qualifiers this year, falling to Karolina Muchova/Vondrousova.
- **KATIE BOULTER**
  - **Age:** 26 (born 1 August 1996 in Leicester, Great Britain)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 124 (singles), unranked (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** QF Birmingham
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Boulter has won 9 of the 11 Billie Jean King Cup matches she has contested, with both of her defeats in the competition coming against Yulia Putintseva – once during Great Britain's 2019 World Group II play-off victory against Kazakhstan and again during Great Britain's defeat to Kazakhstan on Tuesday. She won both matches she contested on her most-recent appearance in the competition prior to this week, defeating both Marcela Zacarias and Giuliana Olmos during Great Britain's victory against Mexico in the 2021 Play-offs.
- **HEATHER WATSON**
  - **Age:** 30 (born 19 May 1992 in Guernsey, Great Britain)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 133 (singles), 115 (doubles)
  - **2022 singles highlights:** R16 Wimbledon
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Watson equalled Sue Barker in 5th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup matches won by a British player by defeating Nuria Parrizas-Diaz during Great Britain's victory over Spain on Thursday – and will claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list if she wins a match today. She is also in 2nd place on the list for most singles matches won by a British player in the competition, behind Virginia Wade, and is one of just 6 British players to have contested more than 30 Billie Jean King Cup ties.
- **ALICIA BARNETT**
  - **Age:** 29 (born 18 October 1993 in Gloucestershire, Great Britain)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 817 (singles), 60 (doubles)
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** Won Granby; RU Lyon; SF Istanbul
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Barnett made her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week and has won both matches she has contested. She and Nicholls defeated Kazakhstan's Anna Danilina/Rybakina on Tuesday, before the pair defeated Spain's Aliona Bolsova/Rebeka Masarova on Thursday to seal Great Britain's place in the semi-finals.
- **OLIVIA NICHOLLS**
  - **Age:** 28 (born 26 October 1994 in Norwich, Great Britain)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** unranked (singles), 63 (doubles)
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** Won Granby; RU Lyon; SF Istanbul
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Nicholls made her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week and has won both matches she has contested. She and Barnett defeated Kazakhstan's Danilina/Rybakina on Tuesday, before the pair defeated Spain's Bolsova/Masarova on Thursday to seal Great Britain's place in the semi-finals.

## Australia – Team Information

- **AUSTRALIA** are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup final for the 19th time – and for just the 2nd time since 1993, after their runner-up finish in 2019.
- By reaching the semi-finals for the 3rd straight season, Australia have **reached 3 consecutive Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the first time since 1982**. Australia reached the semi-finals or better every season for the competition's first 20 years (1963-82), before losing in the quarter-finals to Switzerland in 1983.
- By reaching the last 4 here, Australia have **reached the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the 29th time**. They have an 18-10 win-loss record in Billie Jean King Cup semi-final ties.
- Australia are bidding to win their **8th Billie Jean King Cup title**. 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).
- **During the 2020-21 Billie Jean King Cup season**, Australia reached the semi-finals. As runners-up in 2019, the team qualified automatically for the 2021 Finals. They advanced to the semi-finals after recording 2-1 victories against Belgium and Belarus before falling to Switzerland 2-0 in the last 4. As 2021 semi-finalists (and due to the suspension of the Russian and Belarusian teams this year) they qualified automatically for the Finals this year.
- 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.
- Australia are one of only four nations to have **competed in every Billie Jean King Cup season** – alongside France, Great Britain and Italy.
- Australia are ranked No. 1 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They rose to No. 1 for the first time after reaching the semi-finals last year and have remained in top spot since then.
- **Captain Alicia Molik** has led the team since 2013 and has a 12-8 tie win-loss record as captain. She competed in Billie Jean King Cup as a player between 1999 and 2010 and had an 18-21 overall match win-loss record.

## Australia – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Wendy Turnbull	46-16
<b>2.</b>	<b>Samantha Stosur</b>	<b>38-20</b>
3.	Kerry Reid	37-10
4=	Dianne Balestrat	35-11
	Margaret Court	35-5
	Evonne Goolagong Cawley	35-5

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
<b>1.</b>	<b>Samantha Stosur</b>	<b>29-20</b>
2.	Dianne Balestrat	24-9
3.	Evonne Goolagong Cawley	22-3
4=	Margaret Court	20-0
	Kerry Reid	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	17-6
	Liz Smylie	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.	<b>Samantha Stosur</b>	<b>33</b>
5.	Liz Smylie	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)	3 (2)	4 (8)	4-2 (3-3)	0-0 (1-4)
Priscilla Hon	2019	1	1	0-0	1-0
Storm Sanders	2021	2	4	4-1	1-2
Ellen Perez	2021	2	3	0-0	0-3
Samantha Stosur	2003	16	33	29-20	9-1

\*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:** 29 (born 7 May 1993 in Zagreb, Croatia)
- **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 33 (singles), 136 (doubles)
- **2022 singles highlights:** QF Istanbul, Rabat, Nottingham, Wimbledon, Cincinnati, US Open
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Tomljanovic made her Billie Jean King Cup debut for Australia during the 2019 final, when she won one of the 2 matches she contested, falling to Kristina Mladenovic but defeating Pauline Parmentier. She has won both matches she has contested at this year's Finals, defeating Slovakia's Anna Karolina Schmiedlova on Tuesday and Belgium's Elise Mertens on Thursday. She 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.

• **PRISCILLA HON**

- **Age:** 24 (born 10 May 1998 in Brisbane, Australia)
- **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 151 (singles), 340 (doubles)
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Hon could make her 2nd Billie Jean King Cup appearance this week. Her only previous appearance in the competition came during Australia's 2019 World Group first round victory against USA, when she and Ashleigh Barty defeated Danielle Collins/Nicole Melichar in a decisive doubles match.

• **STORM SANDERS**

- **Age:** 28 (born 11 August 1994 in Rockhampton, Australia)
- **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 237 (singles), 10 (doubles)
- **2022 doubles highlights:** Won Adelaide, Berlin, Guadalajara 1000; SF Madrid, US Open; QF Australian Open
- **Billie Jean King Cup:** Sanders made her Billie Jean King Cup debut at the 2021 Finals, winning 2 of the 3 singles matches she contested. She has won both singles matches she has contested at this year's Finals, recording singles victories against Slovakia's Viktoria Kuzmova and Belgium's Alison van Uytvanck. She also recorded her first Billie Jean King Cup doubles victory during Australia's victory against Belgium on Thursday, partnering Stosur to a win against Ysaline Bonaventure/Kirsten Flipkens. She has lost the 2 other doubles matches she has played in the competition, including her defeat alongside Perez to Slovakia's Kuzmova/Tereza Mihalikova on Tuesday.

- **ELLEN PEREZ**
  - **Age:** 27 (born 10 October 1995 in Shellharbour, Australia)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 363 (singles), 20 (doubles)
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** Won 's-Hertogenbosch, Cleveland; RU Toronto, Cincinnati, Tokyo; SF US Open, San Diego; QF Wimbledon
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Perez made her Billie Jean King Cup debut at the 2021 Finals, losing the 2 dead doubles matches she contested – falling to Belgium's Mertens/Greet Minnen alongside Sanders and to Belarus' Lidziya Marozava/Sasnovich alongside Olivia Gadecki. She and Sanders also lost their opening match together at this year's Finals, falling to Kuzmova/Mihalikova during Australia's victory over Slovakia on Tuesday.
- **SAMANTHA STOSUR**
  - **Age:** 38 (born 30 March 1984 in Brisbane, Australia)
  - **Rankings (7 Nov 22):** 539 (singles), 113 (doubles)
  - **2022 doubles highlights:** SF Melbourne 2, Birmingham
  - **Billie Jean King Cup:** Stosur claimed sole ownership of 2nd place on the list for most total Billie Jean King Cup match-wins, ahead of Kerry Reid, by partnering Sanders in a doubles victory against Belgium's Bonaventure/Flipkens on Thursday. It was her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since the 2019 final, when she and Barty fell to France's Caroline Garcia/Kristina Mladenovic in the decisive doubles match. She also holds the record for most Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins by an Australian player.

## SWITZERLAND v CZECH REPUBLIC

### CENTRE COURT – NOT BEFORE 1600 GMT

#### Head-to-head: Czech Republic leads 7-2

1969	Second round	Clay (O)	Athens (GRE)	Czechoslovakia d. Switzerland 3-0
1985	Second round	Hard (O)	Nagoya (JPN)	Czechoslovakia d. Switzerland 2-1
1986	Second round	Clay (O)	Prague (TCH)	Czechoslovakia d. Switzerland 3-0
1991	Quarter-final	Hard (O)	Nottingham (GBR)	Czechoslovakia d. Switzerland 2-1
1998	WG first round	Carpet (I)	Brno (CZE)	Switzerland d. Czech Republic 4-1
2000	Finals Group B	Hard (I)	Bratislava (TCH)	Czech Republic d. Switzerland 2-1
2016	WG semi-final	Hard (I)	Lucerne (SUI)	Czech Republic d. Switzerland 3-2
2018	WG first round	Hard (I)	Prague (CZE)	Czech Republic d. Switzerland 3-1
2021	Finals Group D	Hard (I)	Prague (CZE)	Switzerland d. Czech Republic 2-1

A 10th Billie Jean King Cup meeting for Switzerland and Czech Republic – and their 2nd in consecutive years. Switzerland won when the 2 nations met in the group stage at the 2021 Finals in Prague, recovering from a match down to win 2-1. Marketa Vondrousova defeated Viktorija Golubic in the opening match, but Belinda Bencic overcame Barbora Krejckikova to level the tie, before Bencic and Jil Teichmann won a decisive doubles clash against Lucie Hradecka and Katerina Siniakova.

Switzerland's victory last year ended a 3-tie losing streak against the Czechs, with their only previous victory having come in 1998. That losing streak included one previous meeting in a Billie Jean King Cup semi-final – in Lucerne in 2016, when Hradecka and Karolina Pliskova defeated Golubic and Martina Hingis in a decisive doubles match.

SWITZERLAND	v	CZECH REPUBLIC
5	<b>BJK Cup Nations Ranking</b>	4
Runners-up 98, 21	<b>Best BJK Cup Result</b>	Champions 11 times
1963	<b>First Year Played</b>	1963*
57	<b>Seasons Played</b>	50*
149	<b>Ties Played</b>	147
84-65	<b>Ties Win-Loss</b>	109-38

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

#### Switzerland – Team Information

- [SWITZERLAND](#) are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup final for the 2nd consecutive year – and for the 3rd time overall.
- By reaching the last 4 here, Switzerland have **reached the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the 7th time**. They have a 2-4 win-loss record in Billie Jean King Cup semi-final ties, winning semi-finals against France in 1998 and Australia in 2021, but falling in 1981 (l. USA), 1983 (l. Germany, F.R.), 2016 (l. Czech Republic) and 2017 (l. Belarus).
- 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 6 of their last 7 Billie Jean King Cup ties** – including their victories against Italy and Canada this week. 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 contesting their **150th Billie Jean King Cup today**. They are bidding to record their 84th victory 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 14-8 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>15-6</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	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	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	17	15-6	6-2
Jil Teichmann	2018	3	9	4-1	5-1
Viktorija Golubic	2014	8	12	6-6	4-2
Simona Waltert	2022	1	1	0-0	0-1

- **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 has won all 3 matches she has contested at this year's Finals. She defeated Jasmine Paolini in singles and partnered Teichmann to a win against Paolini/Martina Trevisan in doubles during Switzerland's victory over Italy on Wednesday. She then defeated Leylah Fernandez in singles during Switzerland's victory over Canada on Friday. 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 won the first 5 doubles matches she had contested in the competition – including her victory alongside Bencic against Italy's Paolini/Trevisan on Wednesday – before losing a Billie Jean King Cup doubles match for the first time during Switzerland's victory over Canada on Friday, when she and Waltert fell to Gabriela Dabrowski/Fernandez.
  
- **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 her first match at this year's Finals, defeating Canada's Bianca Andreescu in 3 sets on Friday. She also 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 made her Billie Jean King Cup debut during Switzerland's victory over Canada on Friday. She partnered Teichmann in the doubles match but the pair fell to Dabrowski/Fernandez in straight sets.

## Czech Republic – Team Information

- **CZECH REPUBLIC** are bidding to reach the Billie Jean King Cup final for the first time since 2018 – and for the 13th time overall.
- By reaching the last 4 here, Czech Republic have also **reached the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the 25th time – and for the first time since 2018**. They have a 12-12 win-loss record in Billie Jean King Cup semi-final ties.
- 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).
- 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.
- **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 29-6 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	10	11-6	4-1
Katerina Siniakova	2017	5	9	5-2	3-4
Marketa Vondrousova	2017	4	7	8-1	2-0
Karolina Muchova	2019	2	4	2-0	1-1

• **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. She and Muchova also lost the doubles match during Czech Republic's victory against USA on Friday, falling to Madison Keys/Taylor Townsend in straight sets.

• **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 5 of the 7 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she has contested – including her victory against USA's Coco Gauff on Friday. She also partnered Vondrousova to a decisive doubles victory against Poland's Linette/Katarzyna Kawa on Thursday. She won 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.

• **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 10 of the 11 Billie Jean King Cup matches she has contested – including her doubles victory alongside Siniakova against Poland's Linette/Kawa on Thursday and her singles victory against USA's Daniella Collins on Friday. 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 won the first 3 Billie Jean King Cup matches she 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. Her first defeat in the competition came on Friday, when she and Pliskova fell to USA’s Keys/Townsend in the dead doubles match.