BILLIE JEAN KING CUP BY BNP PARIBAS FINALS 2021

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On court today:

- Belgium return to court this morning after a convincing display to defeat Belarus on Monday, with 2019 runners-up Australia standing between them and a semi-final berth. Greet Minnen and Elise Mertens both recorded singles victories and will be keen to continue the momentum against the Aussies today. Ajla Tomljanovic is likely to lead the line for Australia today – she made her debut in the competition during the 2019 final and, having reached her first Grand Slam quarter-final earlier this year, will be a match for anybody. Australia must win today in order to have a chance of progressing to the last four again this year.

- Canada provided the upset of the day on Monday, defeating 2019 champions France in a decisive doubles match. They return to court today knowing that a victory would see them qualify for the semi-finals and equal their best-ever Billie Jean King Cup performance. Their only other appearance in the semi-finals came in 1988, when the team fell to Czechoslovakia. But the Canadians will need another superb performance if they are to defeat the Russian Tennis Federation team. All 5 of RTF's players are ranked inside the world's Top 40 and Igor Andreev's team will be optimistic of their chances today.

- 18-time Billie Jean King Cup champions USA begin their Finals campaign today, with the team aiming for greater success than the last occasion that they competed in Prague – Kathy Rinaldi and her squad came up short in the 2018 final here, but will be confident of a strong performance this year. Danielle Collins will lead the American quintet here after a strong season, which saw her win titles at both Palermo and San Jose. They face a Slovakian team who came close to recording a surprise victory over Spain on Monday night – and they will have nothing to lose today, as they know that only a win will do if they are to reach the semi-finals at the end of the week.

- Switzerland also play their first tie of the Finals in the evening session today, with Belinda Bencic aiming to continue her superb form when in her country's colours. The 24-year-old was the stand-out performer at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Tennis Event this summer, winning singles gold and doubles silver alongside Vikorija Golubic, who is also in the Swiss squad for this week. The Swiss take on neighbours Germany tonight, with the Germans looking to bounce back from a narrow defeat by Czech Republic on Monday. Like Slovakia, only a win is good enough for Germany tonight – but they have reason to be optimistic, following an excellent victory for their No. 1 player, Angelique Kerber, over the world No. 3 Barbora Krejcikova last night.

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	2-1 (67%)	4-3 (57%)	39-36 (52%)
2.	France	0	0-1	1-2 (33%)	3-4 (43%)	36-39 (48%)
3.	RTF	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

Group B Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Belgium	1	1-0	2-1 (67%)	4-3 (57%)	35-26 (57%)
2.	Belarus	0	0-1	1-2 (33%)	3-4 (43%)	26-35 (43%)
3.	Australia	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

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	0	0-1	1-2 (33%)	4-5 (44%)	34-37 (48%)
3.	USA	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

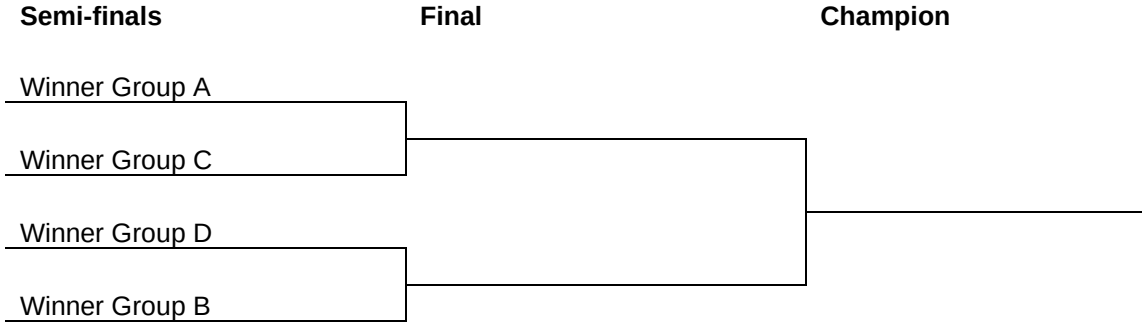
Group D Table

Pos.	Nation	Points	Ties win-loss	Matches win-loss	Sets win-loss	Games win-loss
1.	Czech Republic	1	1-0	2-1 (67%)	5-3 (62%)	36-33 (52%)
2.	Germany	0	0-1	1-2 (33%)	3-5 (38%)	33-36 (48%)
3.	Switzerland	0	0-0	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)	0-0 (0%)

Qualification/elimination scenarios:

- Group A: Canada will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Russian Tennis Federation today – which would also eliminate both France and RTF). They will be eliminated from the event if they lose 3-0 today.
- Group B: Belgium will advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Australia today – which would eliminate both Australia and Belarus). They will be eliminated from the event if they lose 3-0 today.
- Group C: Slovakia will be eliminated if they fail to win today. They may still advance to the semi-finals if they defeat USA today and USA defeat Spain on Wednesday – in that scenario, with all 3 teams having a 1-1 tie win-loss record, the team which advances would be decided on best match win-loss record, then set win-loss record and game win-loss record if required.
- Group D: Germany will be eliminated if they fail to win today. They may still advance to the semi-finals if they defeat Switzerland today and Switzerland defeat Czech Republic on Thursday – in that scenario, with all 3 teams having a 1-1 tie win-loss record, the team which advances would be decided on best match win-loss record, then set win-loss record and game win-loss record if required.

Knockout Stages



GROUP B – AUSTRALIA v BELGIUM
CENTRE COURT – 1030 CET

Head-to-head: Australia leads 5-3

1963	First Round	Grass (O)	London (GBR)	Australia d. Belgium 3-0
1975	Second Round	Clay (O)	Aix-en-Provence (FRA)	Australia d. Belgium 2-0
1976	Second Round	Carpet (I)	Philadelphia (USA)	Australia d. Belgium 3-0
1978	First Round	Grass (O)	Melbourne (AUS)	Australia d. Belgium 3-0
1984	Second Round	Clay (O)	Sao Paulo (BRA)	Australia d. Belgium 3-0
2000	Finals Group C	Carpet (I)	Moscow (RUS)	Belgium d. Australia 2-1
2001	Finals Group B	Clay (I)	Madrid (ESP)	Belgium d. Australia 3-0
2002	WG First Round	Clay (I)	Brussels (BEL)	Belgium d. Australia 3-1

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

AUSTRALIA	v	BELGIUM
2	**BJK Cup Nations Ranking**	**16**
Champions 7 times	**Best Result**	**Champions 2001**
1963	**First Year Played**	**1963**
58	**Seasons Played**	**56**
183	**Ties Played**	**155**
130-53	**Ties Win-Loss**	**82-73**

Australia – Team Information

- **AUSTRALIA** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 8th time. They won the title in 1964-65, 1968, 1970-71 and 1973-74, and are 3rd on the all-time list of Billie Jean King Cup champions behind USA (18) and Czech Republic (11).

- In 2019, Australia **reached the Billie Jean King Cup final for the first time since 1993**. The team defeated USA and Belarus before falling to France 3-2 in the final in Perth. Since winning the title for the 7th time in 1974, they have lost all 9 Finals they have contested. As 2019 runners-up, they qualified automatically for the Finals this year.

- Australia have **won 5 of their last 6 Billie Jean King Cup ties**. Their defeat to France in the 2019 final ended a 5-tie winning streak, with the team having previously not lost a tie since falling to Ukraine in the 2017 World Group II first round in Kharkiv.

- Australia have also **won 3 of their last 4 ties played away from home**, with their defeat to Ukraine in 2017 also the only occasion that they have lost a tie played outside Australia since falling to Netherlands in the World Group Play-offs in 2015 's-Hertogenbosch.

- Australia are ranked No. 2 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking** – their highest position since the rankings were introduced in 2002.

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

Australia – Historical Information

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

Rank	Player	Win-loss
1.	Wendy Turnbull	46-16
2=	Kerry Reid	37-10
	Samantha Stosur	37-20
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
1.	Samantha Stosur	29-20
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 Turnbulll	45
2.	Rennae Stubbs	40
3.	Dianne Balestrat	37
4=	Liz Smylie	31
	Samantha Stosur	31

Australia – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Ajla Tomljanovic*	2019 (2010)	1 (2)	1 (8)	1-1 (3-3)	0-0 (1-4)
Storm Sanders	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Ellen Perez	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Olivia Gadecki	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0
Daria Gavrilova	2016	4	6	3-6	1-1

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

- **AJLA TOMLJANOVIC**
  - **Age**: 28 (born 7 May 1993 in Zagreb, Croatia)
  - **Rankings**: 43 (singles), 140 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: QF Wimbledon
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: SF Abu Dhabi
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Tomljanovic made her Billie Jean King Cup debut for Australia during the 2019 final and won one of the 2 matches she contested, falling to Kristina Mladenovic but defeating Pauline Parmentier. She also contested 2 Europe/Africa Group I events for Croatia at the age of 16-17 in 2010-11, winning 4 of the 8 matches she played.

- **STORM SANDERS**
  - **Age**: 27 (born 11 August 1994 in Rockhampton, Australia)
  - **Rankings**: 131 (singles), 33 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: QF Adelaide, Prague
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: RU Charleston, Nottingham; SF Wimbledon, Prague; QF US Open
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Sanders could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week. She was nominated for 2 ties in 2014, but did not play in either tie.

- **ELLEN PEREZ**
  - **Age**: 26 (born 10 October 1995 in Shellharbour, Australia)
  - **Rankings**: 200 (singles), 43 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Guadalajara, Tenerife; RU Charleston, Birmingham; SF Monterrey, San Jose
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Perez could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

- **OLIVIA GADECKI**
  - **Age**: 19 (born 24 April 2002 in Gold Coast, Australia)
  - **Rankings**: 232 (singles), 180 (doubles)
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Gadecki could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

- **DARIA GAVRILOVA**
  - **Age**: 27 (born 5 March 1994 in Moscow, Russia)
  - **Rankings**: 412 (singles), 559 (doubles)
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Gavrilova could make her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since the 2019 World Group first round this week – on that occasion she fell to USA's Danielle Collins in the 4th match of the tie, but Australia won the decisive doubles match. She was also nominated for the 2019 semi-finals but did not play, and then missed the 2019 final due to injury. She has struggled with Achilles tendon injuries over the last 2 seasons and has not played any tournaments since falling to Ashleigh Barty in the 2nd round at the Australian Open this year. She represented Russia until switching nationality in 2015, and was a member of the Russian teams which won back-to-back Junior Billie Jean King Cup titles in 2008 and 2009.

Belgium – Team Information

- **BELGIUM** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 2nd time and become the 9th nation to win the title on multiple occasions.

- Belgium are bidding to **reach the Billie Jean King Cup semi-finals for the first time since 2011**, when the team defeated USA 4-1 before falling to Czech Republic 3-2. It was the only occasion that they have reached the semi-finals since finishing as runners-up in 2006.

- Belgium **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Kazakhstan 3-1 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Kortrijk, with Kirsten Flipkens defeating Zarina Diyas in the 4th match to secure Belgium's place at the Finals. It was the team's first victory in a home Billie Jean King Cup tie since 2011, when they defeated USA in the World Group first round in Antwerp, and ended a 5-tie losing streak at home.

- Belgium have **won 2 of their last 5 ties on hard courts** – including their victory against Belarus here on Monday. Their victory against Kazakhstan in the 2020 Qualifiers ended a 3-tie losing streak on hard courts, with the team having lost hard court ties to France in both 2018 and 2019 and Spain in 2019.

- Belgium were crowned **Billie Jean King Cup champions in 2001**, defeating Russia 2-1 in the final after comprehensive singles wins for Justine Henin and Kim Clijsters. They finished runner-up in their only other appearance in the final in 2006, falling to Italy 3-2 in the decisive doubles match.

- Belgium are ranked No. 16 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They reached their highest ranking of No. 2 in July 2003.

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

Belgium – Historical Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Belgian player

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

Belgium – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Elise Mertens	2017	4	7	9-3	2-2
Greet Minnen	2021	1	1	1-0	0-0
Ysaline Bonaventure	2012	6	12	5-1	4-5
Kirsten Flipkens	2003	17	30	14-20	3-12

- **ELISE MERTENS**
  - **Age**: 25 (born 17 November 1995 in Leuven, Belgium)
  - **Rankings**: 18 (singles), 1 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: Won Melbourne 1; RU Istanbul; SF Dubai, San Jose; QF Madrid, Luxembourg; R16 Australian Open, US Open
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Australian Open, Istanbul, Wimbledon, Indian Wells; SF Birmingham; QF US Open
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Mertens recorded her 9th Billie Jean King Cup singles victory on Monday, defeating Belarus' Aliaksandra Sasnovich in 3 sets. She also won both matches she contested during Belgium's victory over Kazakhstan in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating both Zarina Diyas and Yulia Putintseva – rebounding from her defeats to Alize Cornet and Caroline Garcia in Belgium's 2019 World Group first round defeat to France.

- **GREET MINNEN**
  - **Age**: 24 (born 14 August 1997 in Turnhout, Belgium)
  - **Rankings**: 70 (singles), 81 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: SF Prague; QF Lyon
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Luxembourg; RU Belgrade
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Minnen made her Billie Jean King Cup debut against Belarus on Monday, defeating Iryna Shymanovich in straight sets to record her first victory in the competition. She was nominated for the first time for the Qualifiers last year but did not play a match.

- **YSALINE BONAVENTURE**
  - **Age**: 27 (born 29 August 1994 in Rocourt, Belgium)
  - **Rankings**: 146 (singles), 395 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: QF Hamburg
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Bonaventure lost her perfect record in Billie Jean King Cup singles matches during Belgium's victory over Kazakhstan in the 2020 Qualifiers, falling to Yulia Putintseva in the 2nd match of the tie. She has won the other 5 singles matches she has contested in the competition, including a victory over former world No. 1 Garbine Muguruza in Belgium's defeat to Spain in the 2019 World Group play-offs.

- **KIRSTEN FLIPKENS**
  - **Age**: 35 (born 10 January 1986 in Geel, Belgium)
  - **Rankings**: 160 (singles), 148 (doubles)
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Flipkens became the 3rd Belgian player to contest 30 or more ties after playing doubles alongside Mertens during Belgium's victory over Belarus on Monday. Sabine Appelmans (33 Billie Jean King Cup ties) and Monique van Haver (30) are the only Belgian players to have contested 30 Billie Jean King Cup ties. She has a 14-20 win-loss record in Billie Jean King Cup singles matches, but has won her 2 most-recent singles matches in the competition – defeating Muguruza during Belgium's defeat to Spain in the 2019 World Group play-offs and Diyas in the victory over Kazakhstan in the 2020 Qualifiers to secure Belgium's place in the Finals.

GROUP A – RUSSIAN TENNIS FEDERATION v CANADA

COURT ONE – 1030 CET

Head-to-head: RTF leads 2-1

1983	Consolation Round	Clay (O)	Zurich (SUI)	USSR d. Canada 2-1
1987	Second Round	Hard (O)	Vancouver (CAN)	Canada d. USSR 2-1
1989	Second Round	Hard (O)	Tokyo (JPN)	USSR d. Canada 2-1

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

RTF	v	CANADA
7	**BJK Cup Nations Ranking**	**10**
Champions 4 times	**Best Result**	**Semi-finals 1998**
1968*	**First Year Played**	**1963**
44*	**Seasons Played**	**57**
140	**Ties Played**	**175**
103-71	**Ties Win-Loss**	**104-71**

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

Russian Tennis Federation – Team Information

- **RUSSIAN TENNIS FEDERATION (RTF)** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 5th time and equal Spain in 4th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup titles.
- RTF **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Romania 3-2 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Cluj-Napoca, with Anna Blinkova/Anna Kalinskaya winning a decisive doubles match to secure RTF's place at the Finals.
- RTF are bidding to extend a **5-tie Billie Jean King Cup winning streak**. The team have not lost in the competition since falling to Latvia in the 2018 World Group II play-offs.
- RTF are **4-time Billie Jean King Cup champions** – winning the title in 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008. They have reached the final on a further 7 occasions, most recently in a 3-2 defeat to Czech Republic in the 2015 Final.
- RTF players **represented USSR from 1968 to 1991**, and CIS in 1992.
- RTF are ranked No. 7 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They held the No. 1 ranking from September 2005 through to April 2009.
- **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 5 ties they have contested since then. Andreev played Davis Cup for the RTF team between 2004 and 2012, ending his career with a 14-14 overall win-loss record.

Russian Tennis Federation – Historical Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Russian Tennis Federation – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	2009	8	14	9-9	5-2
Daria Kasatkina	2016	3	5	3-1	2-2
Veronika Kudermetova	2014	3	3	0-3	0-1
Ekaterina Alexandrova	2020	1	1	2-0	0-0
Liudmila Samsonova	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0

- **ANASTASIA PAVLYUCHENKOVA**
  - **Age**: 30 (born 3 July 1991 in Samara, Russia)
  - **Rankings**: 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 10th Billie Jean King Cup singles match-win this week. She is also bidding to extend a 4-match winning streak in the competition, having not lost a match in the competition since falling to Jelena Ostapenko in Russia's defeat to Latvia in the 2018 World Group II play-offs.

- **DARIA KASATKINA**
  - **Age**: 24 (born 7 May 1997 in Togliatty, Russia)
  - **Rankings**: 28 (singles), 284 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: Won Melbourne 4, St Petersburg; RU Birmingham, San Jose; QF Eastbourne, Cleveland
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Kasatkina has won 3 of the 4 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she has contested, with her only singles defeat in the competition coming against Victoria Azarenka during RTF's 2016 World Group Play-off defeat to Belarus. She was a member of the Russian team which won the Junior Billie Jean King Cup title in 2013.

- **VERONIKA KUDERMETOVA**
  - **Age**: 24 (born 24 April 1997 in Kazan, Russia)
  - **Rankings**: 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 is bidding to record her first Billie Jean King Cup match-win this week. She has made 3 appearances in the competition and lost all 4 matches she has played – including both singles matches she contested during RTF's victory over Romania in the 2020 Qualifiers, falling to both Ana Bogdan and Jaqueline Adina Cristian. She was a member of the Russian team which won the Junior Billie Jean King Cup title in 2013.

- **EKATERINA ALEXANDROVA**
  - **Age**: 26 (born 15 November 1994 in Chelyabinsk, Russia)
  - **Rankings**: 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 could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

Canada – Team Information

- **CANADA** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the first time. They are one of 3 nations – alongside Belarus and Switzerland – competing at the Finals to have never won the Billie Jean King Cup title.

- If they win today, Canada will advance to the semi-finals and equal their **best Billie Jean King Cup result**. The team has reached the semi-finals on one previous occasion – in 1988, when they fell to Czechoslovakia on neutral ground in Melbourne.

- Canada are competing at the Finals as the **highest-ranked losing nation from the 2021 Play-offs** – replacing former host nation Hungary. Canada fell to Switzerland 3-1 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Biel, but defeated Serbia 4-0 in the 2021 Play-offs in Kraljevo, with Leylah Fernandez and Rebecca Marino both winning singles matches. The victory against Serbia was Canada's first victory in a best-of-5-match away tie since 2013.

- Canada have **won 8 of their last 10 ties on hard courts** – including their victory against France on Monday. Since 2017, their only defeats on hard courts have come against Romania in the 2018 World Group II first round and against Switzerland in the Qualifiers last year.

- Canada are ranked No. 10 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest ranking is No. 8, which they held between April 2014 and February 2015.

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

Canada – Historical Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Canadian player

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

Canada – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Rebecca Marino	2011	3	6	3-5	3-1
Carol Zhao	2016	3	3	0-1	2-1
Francoise Abanda	2015	5	7	7-4	0-1
Gabriela Dabrowski	2013	8	15	0-5	8-6

- **REBECCA MARINO**
  - **Age**: 30 (born 16 December 1990 in Toronto, Canada)
  - **Rankings**: 148 (singles), 175 (doubles)
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Marino made her Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2011, but did not compete again until the 2019 season. She has won 4 of the 7 matches she contested since returning to the team, including her victory alongside Dabrowski in the decisive doubles match against France's Clara Burel/Alize Cornet on Monday. She also recorded a singles triumph during Canada's victory over Serbia in the Play-offs this year, defeating Nina Stojanovic in straight sets in the 2nd match of the tie, but lost the singles match she played on Monday, falling to Cornet in straight sets.

- **CAROL ZHAO**
  - **Age**: 26 (born 20 June 1995 in Chongqing, China, P.R.)
  - **Rankings**: 328 (singles), 570 (doubles)
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Zhao made her Billie Jean King Cup debut in 2016 and has been nominated for the 4th time this week. She lost the only singles match she has contested in the competition, falling to Romania's Sorana Cirstea in the 2018 World Group II first round. She was a member of the Canadian team which finished as runners-up at the 2011 Junior Billie Jean King Cup, falling to an Australian team led by Ashleigh Barty.

- **FRANCOISE ABANDA**
  - **Age**: 24 (born 5 February 1997 in Montreal, Canada)
  - **Rankings**: 353 (singles), unranked (doubles)
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Abanda made her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since the Canada's victory over Netherlands in the 2019 World Group II first round on Monday, and defeated Fiona Ferro in the opening match of Canada's win over France. She is bidding to extend a 5-match winning streak in the competition, having not lost a Billie Jean King Cup match since she fell to Dominika Cibulkova during Canada's 2016 World Group II Play-off defeat to Slovakia. She was a member of the Canadian team which finished as runners-up at the 2011 Junior Billie Jean King Cup, falling to an Australian team led by Ashleigh Barty.

- **GABRIELA DABROWSKI**
  - **Age**: 29 (born 1 April 1992 in Ottawa, Canada)
  - **Rankings**: 710 (singles), 5 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Montreal; RU Madrid, San Jose, Cincinnati; SF Miami, Charleston, US Open
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Dabrowski ended a 3-match Billie Jean King Cup losing streak on Monday after securing a decisive doubles victory over France's Burel/Corent alongside Marino. 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 – including both matches she played during Canada's defeat to Switzerland in the 2020 Qualifiers – but has an 8-6 win-loss record in doubles, and improved to a 3-1 win-loss record in decisive doubles matches following her victory on Monday.

GROUP C – USA v SLOVAKIA
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Head-to-head: first meeting

USA	v	SLOVAKIA
3	BJK Cup Nations Ranking	11
Champions 18 times	Best Result	Champions 2002
1963	First Year Played	1994
57	Seasons Played	27
191	Ties Played	64
153-38	Ties Win-Loss	37-27

USA – Team Information

- USA are bidding to win their 19th Billie Jean King Cup title and extend their lead at the top of the list for most Billie Jean King Cup titles.

- USA **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Latvia 3-2 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Everett, with Sofia Kenin/Bethanie Mattek-Sands winning a decisive doubles match to secure USA's place at the Finals.

- USA have **won 9 of their last 11 Billie Jean King Cup ties**. Since the beginning of the 2016 season, their only defeats have come against Czech Republic in the 2018 final and against Australia in the 2019 World Group first round.

- USA have **won more Billie Jean King Cup ties than any other nation**. They will bid to win their 154th tie in their opening clash against Slovakia this week.

- USA have been **crowned Billie Jean King Cup champion 18 times** – more than any other nation. They won their 18th title – and first since 2000 – in 2017, defeating Belarus 3-2 in the final in Minsk, with Shelby Rogers/CoCo Vandeweghe defeating Aryna Sabalenka/Aliaksandra Sasnovich in the decisive doubles match.

- USA are currently ranked No. 3 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest ranking since the rankings were introduced in 2002 is No. 2, which they first reached in 2004.

- **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 Billie Jean King	26-3 26-3
4.	Venus Williams	21-2
5=	Martina Navratilova	15-0

	Monica Seles	15-2

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

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

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by an American player

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

USA – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Danielle Collins	2019	1	1	1-0	0-1
Shelby Rogers	2017	1	3	0-1	2-0
Sloane Stephens	2012	7	7	6-4	1-1
CoCo Vandeweghe	2010	5	9	8-4	5-1
Caroline Dolehide	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0

- **DANIELLE COLLINS**
  - **Age**: 27 (born 13 December 1993 in St Petersburg, FL, USA)
  - **Rankings**: 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 could make just her 2nd Billie Jean King Cup appearance this week. She has played in one tie – USA's defeat to Australia in the 2019 World Group first round. She defeated Daria Gavrilova in the only singles match she contested, but she and Nicole Melichar fell to Ashleigh Barty/Priscilla Hon in the decisive doubles match. She was also nominated for the 2018 final defeat to Czech Republic but did not play a match during the tie.

- **SHELBY ROGERS**
  - **Age**: 29 (born 13 October 1992 in Mount Pleasant, SC, USA)
  - **Rankings**: 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 could make her first Billie Jean King Cup appearance since she and Vandeweghe won the decisive doubles match of the 2017 final, defeating Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka/Aliaksandra Sasnovich. She lost the only singles match she has contested in the competition, falling to Katerina Siniakova during USA's 2017 semi-final victory over Czech Republic.

- **SLOANE STEPHENS**
  - **Age**: 28 (born 20 March 1993 in For Lauderdale, FL, USA)
  - **Rankings**: 63 (singles), 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 Bacszinsky 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 returns to the team for the first time since the 2018 semi-finals, a tie in which her 13-match Billie Jean King Cup winning streak came to an end following a singles defeat against France's Mladenovic. She won all 8 matches she played during USA's title-winning season in 2017 and became the 3rd player in the competition's history to win 3 matches in a final.

- **CAROLINE DOLEHIDE**
  - **Age**: 23 (born 5 September 1998 in Hinsdale, IL, USA)
  - **Rankings**: 197 (singles), 28 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Monterrey; RU Nottingham, Chicago; SF Wimbledon; QF US Open
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Dolehide could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this weekend, having been nominated for the first time.

Slovakia – Team Information

- **SLOVAKIA** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 2nd time and become the 9th nation to win the title on multiple occasions.

- Slovakia **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Great Britain 3-1 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Bratislava, with Anna Karolina Schmiedlova defeating Harriet Dart in the 4th match of the tie to secure Slovakia's place at the Finals.

- Slovakia have **won just one of their last 7 ties played away from home** – a streak which includes their defeat to Spain here on Monday. Their only victory in a tie played outside Slovakia in that time came in the 2017 World Group II first round, when they defeated Italy in Forli.

- Slovakia were **crowned Billie Jean King Cup champions in 2002**, defeating Spain 3-1 in the Final in Gran Canaria.

- **Prior to 1994**, Slovakian players represented Czechoslovakia.

- Slovakia are ranked No. 11 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. They were ranked No. 1 when the rankings were first introduced in November 2002 through to July 2003.

Slovakia – Historical Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Slovakian player

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

Slovakia – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Anna Karolina Schmiedlova	2012	8	12	7-6	3-4
Kristina Kucova	2008	5	5	1-3	0-2
Rebecca Sramkova	2017	3	5	2-4	1-2
Viktoria Kuzmova	2018	2	4	5-1	0-3
Tereza Mihalikova	2016	3	3	0-0	0-3

- **ANNA KAROLINA SCHMIEDLOVA**
  - **Age**: 27 (born 13 September 1994 in Kosice, Slovakia)
  - **Rankings**: 83 (singles), 621 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: QF Guadalajara, Monterrey, Cluj-Napoca, Tenerife
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Schmiedlova fell to Spain's Sara SOrribes Tormo in Slovakia's defeat to Spain on Monday. She had previously ended a 4-match Billie Jean King Cup losing streak during Slovakia's victory over Great Britain in the 2020 Qualifiers, when she defeated both Heather Watson and Harriet Dart to secure Slovakia's place at the Finals. Her last victory in the competition prior to last year's Qualifiers came against Russia's Anna Kalinskaya/Veronika Kudermetova in a dead doubles match alongside Jana Cepelova in the 2018 World Group II first round. She will equal Magdalena Rybarikova in 5th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins by a Slovakian player if she wins a singles match this week.

- **KRISTINA KUCOVA**
  - **Age**: 31 (born 23 March 1990 in Bratislava, Slovakia)
  - **Rankings**: 111 (singles), unranked (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: RU Gdynia; QF Cluj-Napoca
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Kucova returns to the Slovakian Billie Jean King Cup for the first time since 2017, when she fell to Richel Hogenkamp during the team's World Group Play-off defeat to Netherlands. She won her first match in the competition – a victory over Uzbekistan's Vlada Ekshibarova in the 2008 World Group II Play-offs – but has lost all 5 Billie Jean King Cup matches she has played since then.

- **REBECCA SRAMKOVA**
  - **Age**: 25 (born 19 October 1996 in Bratislava, Slovakia)
  - **Rankings**: 172 (singles), 491 (doubles)
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Sramkova is bidding to record her first Billie Jean King Cup singles match-wins since she defeated both Sara Errani and Francesca Schiavone as Slovakia overcame Italy 3-2 in the 2017 World Group II first round – the tie was also Sramkova's debut in the competition. She has lost all 3 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she has contested since then – including a defeat against Watson during Slovakia's victory over Great Britain in the 2020 Qualifiers.

- **VIKTORIA KUZMOVA**
  - **Age**: 23 (born 11 May 1998 in Kosice, Slovakia)
  - **Rankings**: 175 (singles), 59 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: QF Monterrey, Prague
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Lyon; RU Melbouren 2, Prague
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Kuzmova has won 6 of the 7 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches she has contested – including her victory over Spain's Carla Suarez Navarro on Monday. Her only singles defeat in the competition came on her debut, when she fell to Natalia Vikhlyantseva during Sloavkia's 2018 World Group II first round victory over Russia. She has lost all 3 doubles matches she has contested in the competition – including the decisive doubles match during the defeat to Spain alongside Mihalikova on Monday. She was a member of the Slovakian team which finished as runners-up to USA at the 2014 Junior Billie Jean King Cup Finals.

- **TEREZA MIHALIKOVA**
  - **Age**: 23 (born 2 June 1998 in Topolcany, Slovakia)
  - **Rankings**: 618 (singles), 111 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Portoroz
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Mihalikova contested her first live Billie Jean King Cup match on Monday, having previously competed only in 2 dead doubles matches (and losing on both occasions). She and Kuzmova fell to Spain's Sorribes Tormo/Suarez Navarro in a decisive doubles match. She was a member of the Slovakian team which finished as runners-up to USA at the 2014 Junior Billie Jean King Cup Finals.

GROUP D – GERMANY v SWITZERLAND

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Head-to-head: Germany leads 4-2

1970	Second Round	Clay (O)	Freiburg (FRG)	F.R. Germany d. Switzerland 3-0
1981	Quarter-final	Clay (O)	Tokyo (JPN)	F.R. Germany d. Switzerland 3-0
1982	Quarter-final	Hard (O)	Santa Clara (USA)	Switzerland d. F.R. Germany 2-1
1983	Semi-final	Clay (O)	Zurich (SUI)	F.R. Germany d. Switzerland 3-0
2009	WGII First Round	Hard (I)	Zurich (SUI)	Germany d. Switzerland 3-2
2016	WG First Round	Hard (I)	Leipzig (GER)	Switzerland d. Germany 3-2

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

GERMANY	v	SWITZERLAND
4	**BJK Cup Nations Ranking**	**15**
Champions 1987, 1992	**Best Result**	**Runners-up 1998**
1963*	**First Year Played**	**1963**
56*	**Seasons Played**	**56**
154	**Ties Played**	**145**
96-56	**Ties Win-Loss**	**79-64**

*German players represented F.R. Germany until 1990

Germany – Team Information

- **GERMANY** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the 3rd time and equal France in 7th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup titles won.
- Germany **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Brazil 4-0 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Florianopolis. It was their 3rd consecutive victory in an away tie.
- Germany are **2-time Billie Jean King Cup champions**, having won the title in both 1987 (d. USA) and 1992 (d. Spain). Their best performance since winning the title in 1992 is reaching the final in 2014, when they fell to Czech Republic 3-1 in Prague.
- Germany are ranked No. 6 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking**. Their highest ranking is No. 3, which they reached for the first time in February 2015.
- **Captain Rainer Schuettler** made his debut as German captain in the Qualifiers last year, steering the team to a 4-0 victory over Brazil. He represented Germany in 11 Davis Cup ties between 1999 and 2009, compiling a 9-9 overall win-loss record.

Germany – Historical Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a German player

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

Germany – Player Information

Player	BJK Cup debut year	BJK Cup seasons played	BJK Cup ties played	BJK Cup singles W-L	BJK Cup doubles W-L
Angelique Kerber	2007	10	15	14-12	0-0
Andrea Petkovic	2007	10	17	13-10	2-4
Jule Niemeier	2021	1	1	0-0	0-1
Anna-Lena Friedsam	2020	1	2	0-0	1-1
Nastasja Schunk	2021	0	0	0-0	0-0

- **ANGELIQUE KERBER**
  - **Age**: 33 (born 18 January 1988 in Bremen, Germany)
  - **Rankings**: 9 (singles), 379 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: Won Bad Homburg; SF Wimbledon, Cincinnati; QF Melbourne 3, Indian Wells; R16 US Open
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Kerber made a winning return to the German Billie Jean King Cup team on Monday, defeating Czech Republic's Barbora Krejcikova in 3 sets in her first match in the competition since the 2018 semi-finals. She was a key member of the German team which reached the final in 2014, winning all 4 matches she contested in victories over Slovakia and Australia before losing to both Lucie Safarova and Kvitova as the team fell to Czech Republic in the final.

- **ANDREA PETKOVIC**
  - **Age**: 34 (born 9 September 1987 in Tuzla, Yugoslavia)
  - **Rankings**: 76 (singles), 135 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: Won Cluj-Napoca; RU Hamburg
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Chicago
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Petkovic has lost 4 of her last 5 Billie Jean King Cup singles matches, with her only win in the competition in that time coming against Jelena Ostapenko during Germany's World Group Play-off victory over Latvia in 2019. She lost to Czech Republic's Marketa Vondrousova in straight sets on Monday. Like Kerber, she was also an important member of the Germany team which reached the final in 2014, recording singles victories against Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova and Australia's Samantha Stosur before falling to Czech Republic's Kvitova in the final.

- **JULE NIEMEIER**
  - **Age**: 22 (born 12 August 1999 in Dortmund, Germany)
  - **Rankings**: 134 (singles), unranked (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: SF Strasbourg, Hamburg
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Niemeier made her Billie Jean King Cup debut on Monday, losing the decisive doubles match to Czech Republic's Lucie Hradecka/Katerina Siniakova alongside Friedsam.

- **ANNA-LENA FRIEDSAM**
  - **Age**: 27 (born 1 February 1994 in Neuwied, Germany)
  - **Rankings**: 137 (singles), 93 (doubles)
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Nur-Sultan; RU Bogota
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Friedsam made her 2nd appearance in the competition on Monday, losing the decisive doubles match to Czech Republic's Hradecka/Siniakova alongside Niemeier. She made her Billie Jean King Cup debut during Germany's victory over Brazil in the 2020 Qualifiers, when she and Antonia Lottner defeated Laura Pigossi/Luisa Stefani in the dead doubles match.

- **NASTASJA SCHUNK**
  - **Age**: 18 (born 17 August 2003 in Mainz, Germany)
  - **Rankings**: 297 (singles), 1319 (doubles)
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Schunk, who reached the Wimbledon girls' singles final this year, could make her Billie Jean King Cup debut this week, having been nominated for the first time.

Switzerland – Team Information

- **SWITZERLAND** are bidding to win the Billie Jean King Cup title for the first time. They are one of 3 nations – alongside Belarus and Canada – competing at the Finals to have never won the Billie Jean King Cup title.

- Switzerland **qualified for the Finals** after defeating Canada 3-1 in the 2020 Qualifiers in Biel, with Jil Teichmann defeating Gabriela Dabrowski to secure Switzerland's place at the Finals. Prior to the Qualifiers, Switzerland had won just one of their last 5 ties in the competition.

- Switzerland are bidding to end a **4-tie losing streak in ties played away from home**. Since defeating Germany in the 2016 World Group first round in Leipzig, they have lost all 4 ties that they have played outside Switzerland – falling to Belarus in Minsk (2017), Czech Republic in Prague (2018), Romania in Cluj-Napoca (2018) and USA in San Antonio (2019).

- Switzerland's **best Billie Jean King Cup result** is finishing runners-up in 1998. The team of Martina Hingis and Patty Schnyder led Spain 2-1 after two singles wins for Hingis, but slipped to defeat against Conchita Martinez/Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the deciding doubles match.

- Switzerland are ranked No. 15 on the **Billie Jean King Cup Nations Ranking** – they reached their best ranking of No. 4 in February 2017.

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

Switzerland – Historical Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

Most Billie Jean King Cup ties played by a Swiss player

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

Switzerland – Player Information

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

- **BELINDA BENCIC**
  - **Age**: 24 (born 10 March 1997 in Flawil, Switzerland)
  - **Rankings**: 17 (singles), 155 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: Won Tokyo Olympics; RU Adelaide, Berlin; QF Madrid, Cincinnati, US Open, Luxembourg, Ostrava, Chicago
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: RU Tokyo Olympics; SF Madrid
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Bencic will claim sole ownership of 5th place on the list for most Billie Jean King Cup match-wins by a Swiss player – ahead of Myriam Casanova, Emmanuelle Gagliardi and Emanuela Zardo – if she wins a singles match this week. She won one of the 2 matches she played during Switzerland's victory over Canada in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating Gabriela Dabrowski but falling to Leylah Fernandez.

- **JIL TEICHMANN**
  - **Age**: 24 (born 15 July 1997 in Barcelona, Spain)
  - **Rankings**: 39 (singles), 106 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: RU Cincinnati; SF Adelaide, Dubai; QF Melbourne 4, Ostrava
  - **2021 doubles highlights**: Won Hamburg; SF Madrid
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Teichmann made her Billie Jean King Cup singles debut during Switzerland's victory over Canada in the 2020 Qualifiers, defeating Fernandez in the opening match of the tie before securing Switzerland's place at the Finals with a win against Dabrowski. She has also played (and won) 2 dead doubles matches in the competition, in Switzerland's defeats to both Czech Republic and Romania in 2018.

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

- **STEFANIE VOEGELE**
  - **Age**: 31 (born 10 March 1990 in Leuggern, Switzerland)
  - **Rankings**: 116 (singles), 964 (doubles)
  - **2021 singles highlights**: QF Bogota
  - **Billie Jean King Cup**: Voegele returned to the team for the first time since 2014 in Switzerland's World Group II first round victory against Italy in 2019, winning the dead doubles match alongside Bacsinszky. She was also nominated for Switzerland's victory over Canada in the 2020 Qualifiers but did not play a match. She has not won a singles match in the competition since defeating Alison van Uytvanck in Switzerland's 2013 World Group II first round victory against Belgium.