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However, Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge goes well beyond the elite level of the competition. It is also the story of the 134 nations who took part across six continents in this global tournament that spans three regional levels beyond the Finals, Qualifiers and Play-offs. In every match, players take pride in playing for something bigger than themselves, representing their country with the dream of their nation progressing from regional level all the way to Finals. Billie Jean King Cup is a vital tool for developing our sport in all these countries and delivering tennis for future generations.

I would like to pay tribute to all Billie Jean King Cup sponsors and partners, including our title sponsor Gainbridge Insurance Agency. Through this partnership, women and men will be paid equivalent prize money for competing at the Billie Jean King Cup and Davis Cup Finals in 2023, which is an important step towards achieving our ambition of closing the gender pay gap at all levels of the competition. We would also like to recognise Microsoft, Tory Burch and Magellan, all of whom play an important role in helping our competition be the best it can be.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Serbian Tennis Federation for their organisation of this tie and to the players and support staff from both teams who give so much throughout the year to make the Billie Jean King Cup such a special competition. Enjoy the tennis!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Play-off tie between Serbia and Romania in Kraljevo. We are looking forward to two great days of tennis, with eight ties taking place around the world this weekend – as well as the Billie Jean King Cup Finals currently happening in Seville, with 12 teams bidding to be crowned world champions for 2023.

The Billie Jean King Cup is the women's world cup of tennis. Founded in 1963, it has grown to become the largest international team competition in women's sport, with 134 nations entered this year.

Formerly known as the Fed Cup, this historic competition was re-named in honour of Billie Jean King in 2020 – a fitting tribute to an individual who, in addition to being one of the game's all-time greats, has been a champion for equality and has fought discrimination in all its forms throughout her life. It is the first time a major global team competition has been named after a woman, representing a landmark moment for sport.

This weekend, the teams competing in the Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs are bidding to reach the 2024 Qualifiers – and a victory in that round will see the teams advance to the 2023 Finals and have a chance to battle for the famous trophy in the Billie Jean King Cup's 60th anniversary year.



David Haggerty
ITF President
IOC Member

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President, STF

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Dear Friends, welcome to Kraljevo, and the 2023 Billie Jean King Cup playoffs tie AIR Serbia Billie Jean King Cup Team Serbia Vs Romania. On behalf of the Serbian Tennis Federation, we are honored to host this event in Serbia, and delighted to be working with the ITF on implementing such an important event of the annual tennis calendar, bringing together the tennis players from two neighboring, friendly countries. Established in 1963 as the Federation Cup, then Fed Cup, the Billie Jean King Cup - the women's World Cup of Tennis - is the largest annual international women's team competition in sport. Serbia is a country with a rich tradition in women's tennis. We gave to the world three number ones on the WTA list, Monika Seleš, Ana Ivanović and Jelena Janković. Our national team

Message from

Mirko Petrović

was the vice-champion of the Fed Cup in 2012. Now, with some new forces for the future, for the New century of Serbian tennis, we want to return to where we belong, at the very top of women's world tennis. There's no better opportunity to do that than the Billie Jean King Cup.

Enjoy the spectacle, directed by Serbian and Romanian tennis players!

Mirko PETROVIĆ

STF President

Mirko Petrović

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Play-off

Message From David Haggerty



MIRKO PETROVIĆ
President, Serbian
Tennis Federation

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Billie Jean King Cup 2023
Finals

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Billie Jean King Cup Team Romania



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November 9

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BILLIE JEAN KING CUP

The Billie Jean King Cup, formerly known as Federation Cup (1963-1995) and Fed Cup (1995-2020), was launched in 1963 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the International Tennis Federation (ITF). It is now the world's largest annual international team competition in women's sport, with a record 110 nations competing in 2022.

The idea for the competition can be traced back to 1919, when Mrs Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman came up with the concept for a women's team event. When this was rejected, she instead presented a trophy in 1923 for an annual contest between USA and Great Britain, who were at that time the strongest tennis-playing nations. Mrs Nell Hopman, wife of the legendary Australian Davis Cup captain Harry Hopman, later took up Wightman's original idea.

In 1962, when a British resident of USA, Mary Hardwick Hare, presented a dossier proving that support for such an event was overwhelming, the ITF was persuaded to organise a team championship played over one week in a different venue each year. It had taken 40 years for Wightman's concept of a women's version of Davis Cup to be



come a reality.

The ITF, the world governing body of tennis, launched the Federation Cup in 1963 to celebrate the organisation's 50th anniversary. Open to all nations, not just USA and Great Britain, the much awaited competition became a resounding success.

The competition was rebranded in 2020 to align with a global icon who has dedicated her life to fighting injustice, inequality and

discrimination in all forms.

A champion on the court and a pioneer off it, King's values and beliefs epitomise the ethos of a tournament that has evolved to become the largest team competition in women's sport and now boasts the biggest annual prize fund in women's team sports. Billie Jean King achievements in winning the tournament a combined 10 times - as either a player or a captain

SERBIAN TENNIS FEDERATION

The history of tennis in the Balkans starts in the early 80s of the 19th century, and it remains recorded in photographs. In the year 1878, the first competitions were held, a competition called the Szeged Vineyards, and in addition to tennis, athletes competed in fencing, horse riding, running and wrestling. Since then, until today, in Palić, as well as in Subotica, tennis has a rich tradition.

The founding assembly was held on August 27, 1922 in Zagreb, in the Zlatna Krna tavern in Gajeva Street, number 12. Zagreb, then the strongest center of tennis in Yugoslavia, was chosen as the seat of the YUGOSLOVENIAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

Already in 1926, the Federation registered a national team to play in the Davis Cup, so history records that Yugoslavia played its first match in May 1927 against India in Zagreb.

The history of our tennis from 1946 to the present is turbulent. Regardless of political-geographic divisions and numerous system changes, from the Federal People's Republic to Socialism, then civil war and separation, first to FR Yugoslavia, then to Serbia and Montenegro, until today when Serbia is a



separate entity, but tennis has endured all turbulences and results were not absent. In the period from 2007 to 2014, Serbia became a superpower in every respect. As many as four players in the senior competition reached the number 1 position in the world (Novak Đoković, Ana Ivanović, Jelena Janković, Nenad Zimonjić), and as a team

the Davis Cup national team climbed to the podium in 2010 by winning against France in the final.

Two years later, the women's team reached the title of vice-champion, thus rounding off a period that is rightly considered to be the greatest in the history of tennis in our region.

HISTORY



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Billie Jean King Cup Team Serbia

**NATALIJA
STEVANOVIĆ**

Date of birth
July 25th 1994

WTA singles ranking
190

WTA doubles ranking
278

Best singles ranking
145

Best doubles ranking
196

Carier sinles titles
-

Carirer doubles titles
-

**LOLA
RADIVOJEVIĆ**

Date of birth
January 2nd 2005

WTA singles ranking
273

WTA doubles ranking
608

Best singles ranking
244

Best doubles ranking
427

Carier sinles titles
-

Carirer doubles titles
-



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**KATARINA
KOZAROV**

Date of birth
May 1st 1998

WTA singles ranking
315

WTA doubles ranking
335

Best singles ranking
312

Best doubles ranking
288

Carrier sinles titles
-

Carirer doubles titles
-



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**MIA
RISTIĆ**

Date of birth
May 17th 2006

WTA singles ranking
325

WTA doubles ranking
-

Best singles ranking
307

Best doubles ranking
-

Carrier sinles titles
-

Carirer doubles titles
-



**ALEKSANDRA
KRUNIĆ**

Date of birth
March 15th 1993

WTA singles ranking
751

WTA doubles ranking
874

Best singles ranking
39

Best doubles ranking
35

Carrier sinles titles
1

Carirer doubles titles
6

**DUŠAN
VEMIĆ**

Date of birth
June 17th 1976

Captain
since 2020

Pro
1995-2011

Best singles ranking
146 (2008)

Best doubles ranking
31 (2009)

Carrier sinles titles
-

Carirer doubles titles
-



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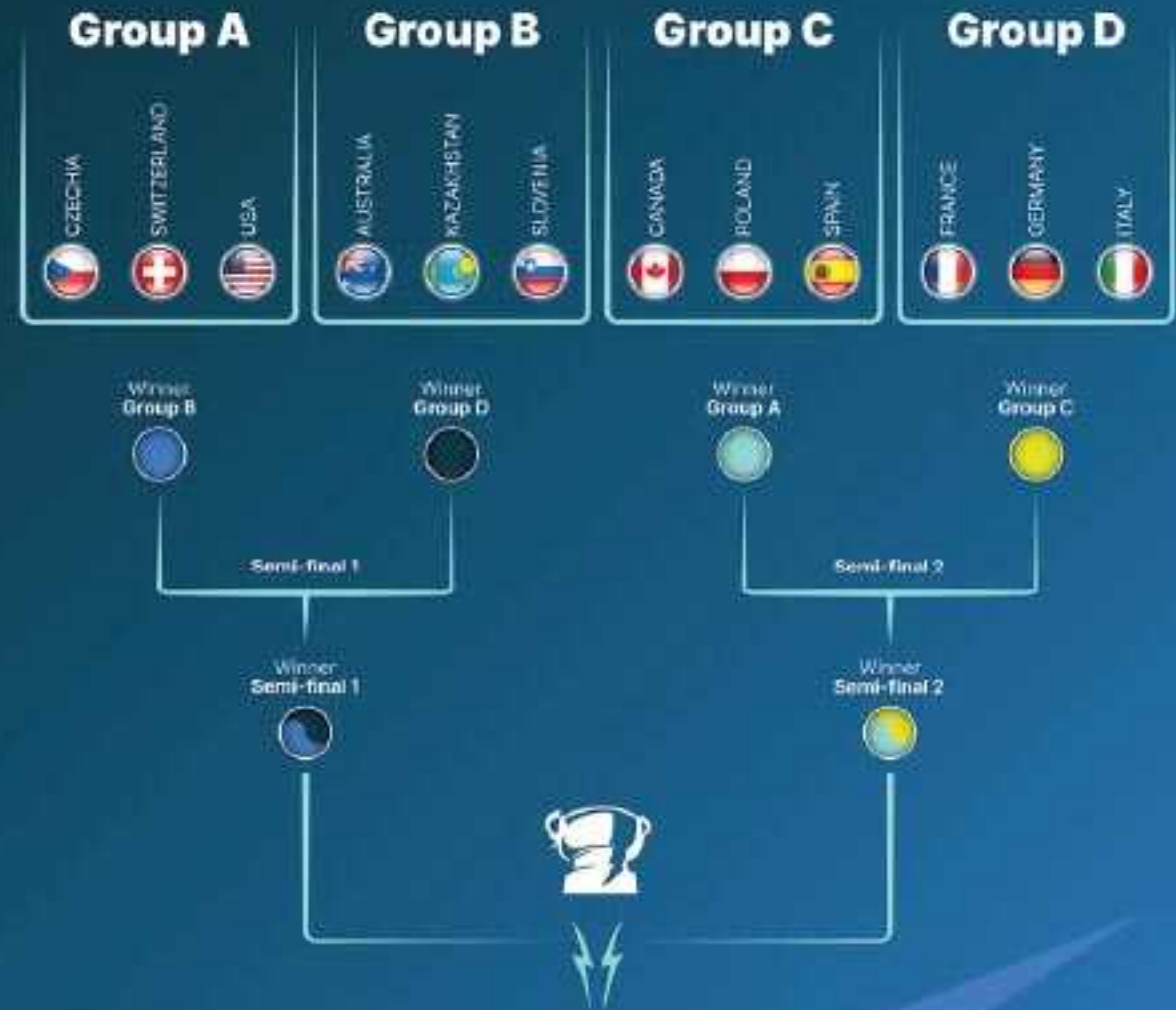


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
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ROMANIAN TENNIS FEDERATION

Tennis in Romania has deep roots, dating back to the establishment of the first clubs in 1864, marking the beginning of a national passion for this elegant and intricate sport. In this landscape, the Romanian Tennis Federation (RTF) has become the central hub coordinating and promoting this love for tennis in our country.

With hundreds of affiliated clubs, RTF stands as the driving force behind the development of tennis in Romania. The organization proudly boasts over 3,000 licensed players, each representing dedication and mastery in this wonderful sport. Additionally, there is an impressive community of over 25,000 amateur players, significantly

contributing to the diversity and vitality of amateur tennis in the country.

RTF is not merely a passive supporter for tennis enthusiasts, but also an active promoter of competitions. With over 450 annual competitions under its auspices, the Romanian Tennis Federation provides platforms for players of all ages and skill levels to challenge themselves and enhance their abilities.

Simultaneously, tennis is much more than just a sport; it is an excellent means to promote health and well-being. Regular tennis practice contributes to improved cardiovascular capacity, coordination, and flexibility, thereby promoting an active and balanced lifestyle.

With an impressive track record, RTF is recognized as the national authority in tennis. With its exceptional expertise, RTF proudly represents Romania in all international federations and associations related to tennis. It not only provides a platform for Romanian players to shine internationally but also promotes the image of our country.

In conclusion, the Romanian Tennis Federation is not merely an organization; it is a dedicated, passionate, and dynamic community, encouraging every stroke, every point, and every victory. With a glorious history and a bright future, RTF continues its mission to make tennis accessible and inspiring for all Romanians, simultaneously promoting health and well-being.



JAQUELINE CRISTIAN

Date of birth

June 5th 1998

WTA singles ranking
97

WTA doubles ranking
236

Best singles ranking
58

Best doubles ranking
168

Carrier sinles titles

-

Carirer doubles titles

-



ELENA-GABRIELA RUSE

Date of birth

November 6th 1997

WTA singles ranking
188

WTA doubles ranking
40

Best singles ranking
51

Best doubles ranking
32

Carrier sinles titles

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IRINA BARA

Date of birth
March 18th 1995

WTA singles ranking	Best doubles ranking
194	56
WTA doubles ranking	Carier sinles titles
139	-
Best singles ranking	Carirer doubles titles
104	1



ANCA TODONI

Date of birth
October 10th 2004

WTA singles ranking	Best doubles ranking
261	859
WTA doubles ranking	Carier sinles titles
864	-
Best SR	Carirer doubles titles
259	-

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MONICA NICULESCU

Date of birth
September 25th 1987

WTA singles ranking	Best doubles ranking
930	11
WTA doubles ranking	Carier sinles titles
43	3
Best singles ranking	Carirer doubles titles
28	10



HORIA TECĂU

Date of birth
January 19th 1985

Captain since 2022	Best doubles ranking
Pro 2003-2022	2 (2015)
Best singles ranking	Carier sinles titles
326 (2005)	-
	Carirer doubles titles
	38

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