

DAVIS CUP JUNIORS BILLIE JEAN KING CUP JUNIORS BY GAINBRIDGE 2023 FINALS PREVIEW NOTES

EVENT SUMMARY

The Davis Cup Juniors Finals and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors by Gainbridge Finals are hosted in Cordoba, Spain for the first time. This is the 38th edition of the ITF's international team competition for players aged 16 and under, which was launched in 1985 as the World Youth Cup. The event was rebranded as the Davis Cup Juniors and Junior Fed Cup in 2002 – with the girls' event undergoing a second rebrand to become the Billie Jean King Cup Juniors in 2021.

In 2023, the Davis Cup Juniors Finals and Billie Jean King Juniors Finals are taking place in consecutive weeks, with the former being played from Monday 30 October to Sunday 5 November, and the latter being played from Monday 6 November to Sunday 12 November.

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

2022 Billie Jean King Cup Juniors champions USA will bid to win the title for an 8th time this year. It would also be the USA's 5th title in the last 6 editions of the event, after victories in 2017, 2018 and 2019, with Czechia winning in 2021. The 2022 USA team included Clervie Ngounoue, who went on to peak at No. 1 in the ITF Junior Rankings in June 2023 and win the girls' singles title at 2023 Wimbledon.

In Davis Cup Juniors, 2022 champions Brazil will bid to defend their title after becoming the 14th nation to win the event last year. No team has successfully defended the title since France won in 1992 and 1993. Brazil had never previously reached the final, their previous best performance coming in 2006 when they finished 3rd behind Netherlands and Russia.

HOME VICTORIES

The Spanish boys' team are bidding to become the first team to win the Davis Cup Juniors on home soil on 3 occasions – with Spanish teams winning while hosting the event in both 1991 and 2004. Just 3 nations have won the Davis Cup Juniors title at home, with Germany and Chile the only other nations to have achieved the feat.

Teams winning Davis Cup Juniors at home

Nation	Year
Spain	1991
Germany	1995
Chile	2001
Germany	2003
Spain	2004

USA's girls team won the Billie Jean King Cup Juniors title at Lake Nona, Florida in 2019 – becoming the first girls' team in more than 20 years to win the title on home soil. The Spanish girls' team are bidding to become the 5th team to win the Billie Jean King Cup Juniors title at home.

Teams winning Billie Jean King Cup Juniors at home

Nation	Year
Australia	1988
Netherlands	1990
Italy	1998
USA	2019

DOING THE DOUBLE

A total of 9 nations have both boys and girls teams competing at the event this year: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Czechia, Great Britain, Japan, Kazakhstan, Spain and USA. The last nation to win both Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors titles in the same year was USA in 2014. Just 2 other nations have achieved the feat since the events were established in 1985.

Nations winning Davis Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors in the same year

Nation	Year
Australia	1987
F.R. Germany	1989
USA	2008
USA	2014

PAST CHAMPIONS

There are 10 past Davis Cup Juniors champions competing here this year. One other nation competing in Cordoba this year has reached the Davis Cup Juniors final without yet winning the title – Argentina, who finished as runners-up in 2007 and 2008.

Past champions in the field at the 2023 Davis Cup Juniors Finals

Nation	Title-winning years
Brazil	2022
Canada	2015
Czechia	1988*, 1997, 2018
Germany	1989**, 1995, 2003
Great Britain	2011
Italy	2012
Japan	2010, 2019
Netherlands	1994, 2006
Spain	1991, 1998, 2002, 2004, 2013, 2018
USA	1999, 2008, 2014

*Won as Czechoslovakia

**Won as F.R. Germany

Spain will bid to claim sole ownership of the record for most Davis Cup Juniors titles, ahead of Australia, by recording their 7th triumph in the competition this week.

Most Davis Cup Juniors titles

Nation	Titles
Australia	6
Spain	6
France	4
Czechia	3*
Germany	3*
Russia	3*
USA	3
Netherlands	2
Japan	2
Brazil	1
Canada	1
Chile	1
Great Britain	1
Italy	1

*Won one title each as, respectively, Czechoslovakia, F.R. Germany and USSR
Nations in **bold** are competing at the 2023 Davis Cup Juniors Finals

There are 6 past Billie Jean King Cup Juniors champions competing here this year. Three other nations have reached the Billie Jean King Cup Juniors Final without yet winning the title – Japan, who finished as runners-up in both 2017 and 2021, Canada, who finished as runners-up in 2003, 2004 and 2011, and Great Britain, who finished as runners-up in 2008.

Past champions in the field at the 2023 Billie Jean King Cup Juniors Finals

Nation	Title-winning years
Argentina	1999, 2014
Australia	1987, 1988, 1993, 2007, 2011
Czechia	1985*, 2000, 2001, 2015, 2021
Germany	1989**, 1991
Netherlands	1990, 2003
USA	2008, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022

*Won as Czechoslovakia

**Won as F.R. Germany

USA are bidding to win their 8th title and extend their record for most Billie Jean King Cup Juniors titles. Victory for either Australia or Czechia this week would see either team win their 6th title and claim sole ownership of 2nd place on the list.

Most Billie Jean King Cup Juniors titles

Nation	Titles
USA	7
Australia	5
Czechia	5*
Russia	4
Argentina	2
Belarus	2
Belgium	2
Germany	2*
Netherlands	2
Poland	2
France	1
Italy	1
Slovenia	1
South Africa	1

*Won one title each as, respectively, Czechoslovakia and F.R. Germany
Nations in **bold** are competing at the 2023 Billie Jean King Cup Juniors Finals

WINNING JUNIORS AND PROS

Five nations have won the Davis Cup title and the Davis Cup Juniors title in the same year – most recently the Russian Tennis Federation in 2021. Of the 16 nations competing in the Davis Cup Juniors Finals this year, 5 of those nations also have teams competing at the Davis Cup Finals knockout stage in Malaga in November – Canada, Czechia, Great Britain, Italy and Netherlands.

Nations winning Davis Cup and Davis Cup Juniors titles in the same year

Nation	Years
Australia	1986
F.R. Germany	1989
France	1996
Spain	2004
Russia*	2021

*Davis Cup team competed as Russian Tennis Federation

Just 2 nations have won the Billie Jean King Cup title and the Billie Jean King Cup Juniors title in the same year. Of the 16 nations competing in the Billie Jean King Cup Juniors Finals this year, 6 of those nations also have teams competing at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Seville, with both events concluding on Sunday 12 November – Australia, Canada, Czechia, Kazakhstan, Spain and USA.

Nations winning Billie Jean King Cup and Billie Jean King Cup Juniors titles in the same year

Nation	Years
Czechia	1985*, 2015
USA	2017

*Won as Czechoslovakia

PLAYERS TO WIN IN BOTH JUNIORS AND PROS

A total of 11 players have won both Davis Cup Juniors and Davis Cup titles. The most-recent junior champions to go on to win the Davis Cup title are Denis Shapovalov and Felix Auger-Aliassime, who won the Davis Cup Juniors title in 2015 and the Davis Cup title in 2022. Rafael Nadal holds the record for shortest time between Davis Cup Juniors titles and Davis Cup titles – having won the Davis Cup title for the first time just 2 years after winning the junior title in 2002.

Players to win both Davis Cup Juniors and Davis Cup titles

Player	Nation	Years won Davis Cup Juniors	Years won Davis Cup
Todd Woodbridge	Australia	1986, 1987	1999, 2003
Yevgeny Kafelnikov	Russia*	1990	2002
Albert Costa	Spain	1991	2000
Nicolas Escude	France	1992	2001
Tommy Robredo	Spain	1998	2004
Rafael Nadal	Spain	2002	2004, 2009, 2011, 2019
Marcel Granollers	Spain	2002	2008, 2019
Roberto Bautista Agut	Spain	2004	2019
Kyle Edmund	Great Britain	2011	2015
Denis Shapovalov	Canada	2015	2022
Felix Auger-Aliassime	Canada	2015	2022

*Junior title won as USSR

A total of 12 players have won both the Billie Jean King Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup titles. The shortest time between Billie Jean King Cup Juniors titles and Billie Jean King Cup titles is 3 years – a record jointly held by Jana Pospisilova, Radka Zrubakova and Anke Huber.

Players to win both Billie Jean King Cup Juniors and Billie Jean King Cup titles

Player	Nation	Years won Billie Jean King Cup Juniors	Years won Billie Jean King Cup
Jana Pospisilova	Czechoslovakia	1985	1988
Radka Zrubakova	Czechoslovakia	1985	1988
Anke Huber	Germany*	1989	1992
Laurence Courtois	Belgium	1992	2001
Amelie Mauresmo	France	1995	2003
Anastasia Myskina	Russia	1997	2004, 2005
Elena Dementieva	Russia	1997	2005
Roberta Vinci	Italy	1998	2006, 2009, 2010, 2013
Lucie Safarova	Czech Republic	2001	2011, 2012, 2014
Barbora Strycova	Czech Republic	2001	2015, 2016, 2018
Daria Kasatkina	Russia**	2013	2021
Veronika Kudermetova	Russia**	2013	2021

*Junior title won as F.R. Germany

**Pro title won as Russian Tennis Federation

NOTABLE FORMER COMPETITORS

A number of players have competed in either Davis Cup Juniors or Billie Jean King Cup Juniors before going on to become stars of the professional game – including multiple Grand Slam singles champions.

Among the top players to have competed in Davis Cup Juniors are: Jim Courier (USA 1986), Michael Chang (USA 1986), Goran Ivanisevic (Yugoslavia 1986), Gustavo Kuerten (Brazil 1992), Marat Safin (Russia 1995), Lleyton Hewitt (Australia 1995/1996), Roger Federer (Switzerland 1996), Andy Roddick (USA 1998), Rafael Nadal (Spain 2002), Kei Nishikori (Japan 2005), Denis Shapovalov (Canada 2015), Felix Auger-Aliassime (Canada 2015/2016) and Carlos Alcaraz (Spain 2018).

In Billie Jean King Cup Juniors, a number of players have gone on to achieve at the highest-level of the game: Jennifer Capriati (USA 1989), Anke Huber (Germany 1989), Lindsay Davenport (USA 1991), Amelie Mauresmo (France 1995), Elena Dementieva (Russia 1997), Roberta Vinci (Italy 1998), Daniela Hantuchova (Slovakia 1998), Agnieszka Radwanska (Poland 2005), Ashleigh Barty (Australia 2011), Sloane Stephens (USA 2008), Sofia Kenin (USA 2014), Marketa Vondrousova (Czechia 2015), Elena Rybakina (Russia 2015), Iga Swiatek (Poland 2016), Bianca Andreescu (Canada 2016), Coco Gauff (USA 2018) and Leylah Fernandez (Canada 2018).

HONOUR ROLLS

The full [Davis Cup Juniors honour roll](#) and [Billie Jean King Cup Juniors honour roll](#) can be found on the ITF website.