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Billie Jean King Cup Story from Day One

It's all to play for on the second day of the Billie Jean King Cup Play-Offs at the Copper Box Arena, with Great Britain and Sweden level at one match apiece.

Sweden's Kajsa Rinaldo Persson opened an action-packed first day with an upset victory over world No.93 and British debutant Jodie Burrage, coming from 4-0 down to win 6-4, 6-1 – giving her side the early lead.

It wouldn't last long however, as British No.1 Katie Boulter clinched her 10th Billie Jean King Cup win for her country against Caijsa Wilda Hennemann. The Brit racked up an impressive 20 winners to beat the 22-year-old 6-2, 6-1 in an hour and 17 minutes.

With two singles rubbers and a potential doubles decider still to come – this tie could come down to the wire.

The winning team will progress to the 2024 Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers, with a chance of making the Finals at the end of the year. The losing team will have to battle through the Europe / Africa Group next year to return to the Play-Offs.

Billie Jean King Cup Order of Play

Saturday 11 November 2023

GREAT BRITAIN

SWEDEN

Jodie Burrage

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VS

2

Kajsa Rinaldo
Persson

Katie Boulter

2

VS

0

Caijsa
Hennemann

Sunday 12 November 2023

Katie Boulter

VS

Kajsa Rinaldo
Persson

Jodie Burrage

VS

Caijsa Hennemann

Heather Watson

VS

Lisa Zaar

Harriet Dart

VS

Bella Bergkvist
Larsson

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Welcome from the ITF

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Play-Off tie.

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.

I would like to pay tribute to all Billie Jean King Cup sponsors and partners, including our title sponsor Gainbridge Insurance Agency, to the LTA for their organisation of this tie, and to the players and support staff who give so much throughout the year to make the Billie Jean King Cup such a special competition.

Enjoy the tennis!

David Haggerty
ITF President, IOC Member

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Now, we're following her lead.

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Welcome from the LTA

The LTA is delighted to be hosting the Billie Jean Cup by Gainbridge Play-Offs and we warmly welcome everyone here, especially the players and officials of the Swedish Tennis Association.

It's always great to be here in the capital. We'll be hoping for British success but we know you'll get to see some brilliant tennis, no matter who you are supporting.

We're pleased to be working with the local community and were delighted to welcome children from nearby schools who took part in yesterday's draw ceremony and are now further engaging with our LTA Youth programme.

I'd like to thank our partners at the Copper Box Arena, the ITF, players, officials, volunteers, staff, commercial partners and, of course, fans who make this event what it is.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Scott Lloyd,
LTA CEO

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Welcome from the Swedish Tennis Federation

On behalf of the entire Swedish team and our organisation I thank you for welcoming us to London and this tie between Great Britain and Sweden.

The two nations have crossed paths many times since their first meeting in 1967. Sweden will have to fight hard on every point to get another win against such a strong team on their home ground. I'm really looking forward to another exciting tie and some great tennis.

Finally, I would like to recognise everyone involved in this tie, the Lawn Tennis Association, the ITF and the sponsors. I hope you all have a great weekend in London.

Åsa Hedin
President, Swedish Tennis Federation



Team Profile: **GREAT BRITAIN**

Ranking: 14

Best performance: Runners-up (1967, 1970, 1972 and 1981)

Captain: Anne Keothavong

Nominated team:

- Katie Boulter (world No.55)
- Jodie Burrage (world No.91; Doubles world No.154)
- Harriet Dart (world No.144; Doubles world No.157)
- Heather Watson (world No.171; Doubles world No.106)
- Maia Lumsden (Doubles world No.80)

Great Britain come into this Billie Jean King Cup Play-Off tie against Sweden off the back of a nail-biting Qualifier with France back in April. British No.1 Katie Boulter was edged by then world No.5 Caroline Garcia 6-7(2), 7-6(4), 7-6(2), before Harriet Dart lost in two tie-break sets to Alize Cornet. Alicia Barnett and Olivia Nicholls beat Grand Slam champion Kristina Mladenovic and Clara Burel in a hugely entertaining doubles match tie-break, but the tie was sealed after Garcia defeated Dart to give France an unassailable 3-1 lead.

A loss in the Qualifiers means that Great Britain will need to win this Play-Off tie against Sweden to return to the 2024 Qualifiers and be in with a chance of reaching the Finals.

Fast forward six months from the last tie and the Lexus Great Britain team have two players ranked inside the top 100 – Boulter and potential debutant, Jodie Burrage – while Harriet Dart and Heather Watson bring a wealth of experience to a competition that always brings out the best in them. Boulter won her first WTA title at the Rothesay Open Nottingham this year, while Burrage and Dart have both seen huge successes recently in doubles, picking up trophies in both WTA and ITF events respectively.

Team Profile: **SWEDEN**

Ranking: 28

Best performance: Quarter-finalist (1970, 1977, 1980 and 1988)

Captain: Lars-Anders Wahlgren

Nominated team:

- Kajsa Rinaldo Persson (world No.372)
- Cajjsa Hennemann (world No.532)
- Lisa Zaar (world No.824; Doubles world No.503)
- Bella Bergkvist Larsson (world No.1105)

Sweden have already played six times this year in their bid to reach the Billie Jean King Cup Play-Offs. The Swedish side finished top of the Europe / Africa Pool B, with wins over Norway, Denmark, Croatia and Serbia to qualify for the Group Play-Offs.

Facing off against Pool A winners Hungary in the Europe / Africa Play-Offs – Sweden came back from one match down thanks to two wins from Kajsa Rinaldo Persson in the singles and doubles, alongside Jacqueline Cabaj Awad.

Sweden's Persson comes in having won five matches for her team in the earlier stages of the competition. Meanwhile, 22-year-old Cajjsa Wilda Hennemann boasts an impressive 14 ITF doubles titles in her young career so far and could be a key member of the squad this weekend. Last week, Hennemann joined up with teammate, and Sweden's highest ranked doubles player for this tie, Lisa Zaar, to win the W15 Nasby park title together.

While the head-to-head between GB and Sweden stands at 3-3, the Swedish team will take confidence from the fact that they've won the last three meetings between the two – the most recent a 4-1 victory back in 2012.

SERVING UP TENNIS IN PARKS

As the Billie Jean King Cup returns to east London, through the Park Tennis Project, the LTA is giving a new lease of life to thousands of tennis courts across Britain.

Thanks to a joint £30million investment by the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation, the LTA is transforming park tennis courts across Britain, to help give many more people the opportunity to pick up a racket and get on court.

The LTA has been working with local authorities across the nation, including in London, to upgrade facilities and make it easier to find, book and get on court. Over 1500 park tennis courts across Britain have already been transformed, with more to come next year.

The project is the biggest investment in parks tennis courts across Britain for a generation, and the ambition is to get more than half a million more people playing tennis every year, by ensuring communities have access to high quality facilities.

The LTA is also supporting local authorities and providers to ensure that a range of activity is in place across refurbished park courts - to open up the sport to people of all backgrounds. This includes free weekly tennis sessions where equipment will be provided, meaning anyone can turn up and play entirely cost free.

Investment is thanks to the UK Government, and the LTA Tennis Foundation, the LTA's charity which partners with brilliant people and organisations to improve lives through tennis.

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