
Billie Jean King

Tennis woman

Billie Jean King was born in Long Beach (California) . Her family was full of athletes and she was also really talented. One day, she started tennis because her parents found that her sport (softball) was not feminine enough. She told everyone she will be the best tennis player in the world. When she was young, she had conflicts with establishment because she was not in group photo because she was not wearing normal dresses. She started playing tennis in an amateur league until she became a professional player. For 15 years, she has made the top 10 in the world ranking. In 1973, professional player Bobby Riggs challenged Billie Jean King to a duel for a prize of \$ 100,000 to the winner of the match, she ended up winning by a score of (6-3; 6-2; 6-2). Following this victory, Billie Jean King allowed women's tennis to go global with the first broadcasting contracts on American television. Tennis which is a world famous sport allowed her to use her notoriety to defend women's rights and LGBT rights with her participation in the battle of the sexes in 1973.

Professional career : 1959-1990

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***“I try to hone my strengths
and hide my weaknesses.”***

Billie Jean King