



While the word's been out since last night, [this afternoon it was officially announced](#) - Birmingham, AL will host the [Federation Cup](#) semifinal tie (round) between the United States and Russia. The fun takes place on April 24 & 25 at the [BJCC Arena](#).

This will be the second time in two years that The Magic City will play host to international tennis competition. [The Davis Cup](#) visited Birmingham a year ago [holding a first-round tie here](#).

According to [the reports filed by The Birmingham News](#) , organizers will attempt to recruit both [Serena and Venus Williams](#) to participate in the match. Some are hoping that Russia's [Maria Sharapova](#) is chosen to participate as well though the tie will be taking place the same weekend as the [Porsche Tennis Grand Prix](#) premier event in Stuttgart, Germany.

You can keep track of who is chosen by the respective captains by visiting [the page dedicated to the tie on the Fed Cup website](#).