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## A historical winner to be announced at the Royal Tennis Club

Regardless of the outcome of Sunday's finals in the Kungens Kanna & Drottningens Pris, history will be written. It will be the first time since 1901 that a winner in the Kungens Kanna will be from either Turkey or Spain.

The last time these two players met, Ponomar won, but today it looked like Atakan had already decided from the start that this would not happen again. The first set was a very even fight where Ponomar dominated and hit big forehands; however, he failed to create real pressure for Atakan. Towards the end of the set, some unforced errors gave the Turkish player the upper hand. It wasn't until 6-4, 5-1 before Atakan began to show some signs of nervousness. It went to 5-2 and game point for 5-3 until Atakan pulled himself together and made the final score 6-2 in the second set.

In the second semi-final, Spaniard Martin Landaluce won in convincing style against Great Britain's final hope Victor Frydrych.

In the final, we have last year's winner Brenda Fruhvirtova from the Czech Republic and Daria Shadchneva from Russia.

Pre-tipped favourite Brenda's match against top-seeded Brit Martin offered, as predicted, great tennis. From the first ball, both girls came out strong. Brenda stepped up a gear with her massive baseline game and never let Brit into the match. Brenda once again showed an intense focus on the job at hand and did not let her opponent into the match. Despite the final score being 6-0, 6-1, there was some impressive tennis and great entertainment all round.

Daria played her semi-final against Hanna Read from the UK. Hanna has looked very sound this week, with her explosive shots, she has been a fierce opponent. In today's meeting with Daria Shadchneva, she did not succeed in finding to her previous level. Daria, who plays smart and solid tennis, took advantage of the British girls' mistakes and won the match 6-3, 6-1.

- We hope many tennis enthusiasts will make it to KLTK tomorrow, comments the Tournament Director Joe Beaton. We can promise that one or more of the finalists of this year's tournament will play a Senior Grand Slam within five years, concludes Joe Beaton.

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