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KATHERINE SEBOV TO JOIN TEAM CANADA FOR BILLIE JEAN KING CUP QUALIFIERS TIE IN VANCOUVER, REPLACES BIANCA ANDREESCU

Andreescu to attend tie in Vancouver to cheer on teammates versus Belgium

Toronto, April 6, 2023 — Katherine Sebov (Toronto, ON) will join Team Canada presented by Sobeys for their Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Qualifiers tie against Belgium on April 14-15, replacing the injured Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON). Sebov will link up with captain Heidi El Tabakh and teammates Leylah Annie Fernandez (Laval, QC), Rebecca Marino (Vancouver, BC) and Gabriela Dabrowski (Ottawa, ON) in Vancouver, BC next week.

"Firstly, we want to wish Bianca a speedy recovery and are thrilled that she will be able to join us in Vancouver to support her teammates," El Tabakh said. "Fortunately, the strength in depth of our Canadian women means we are able to call upon Katherine, who has been in great form recently. Katherine will be an asset to the team, and we look forward to welcoming her into the fold as we prepare for a difficult tie against Belgium."

"I'm so excited to be asked to represent Canada and I can't wait to join up with my teammates in Vancouver," Sebov added. "The chance to play a Billie Jean King Cup tie on home soil doesn't come round too often so I'm hoping to take confidence from my recent form into the tie and give it my best."

Ranked a career-high No. 148 on the WTA Tour, this is Sebov's fourth Billie Jean King Cup nomination. The 24-year-old is enjoying a stellar year so far after reaching the first Grand Slam main draw of her career at the Australian Open, winning an ITF W25 event in Toronto and advancing to the second round of the Miami Open as a qualifier. Her most recent appearance in the Billie Jean King Cup came in 2018 when Canada faced Romania in the World Group II quarter-finals. She holds a 4-2 record in the competition.

Sebov's addition to the team comes following the ankle injury sustained by Andreescu during her Miami Open fourth-round match against Ekaterina Alexandrova. Despite being unable to play, Andreescu will attend the tie in Vancouver to cheer on her teammates.

"Whilst my rehab is going really well, I unfortunately will not be ready to compete in the Billie Jean King Cup next week," Andreescu said. "I still look forward to going and supporting my teammates! Let's go Team Canada!"

The winner of the Qualifiers tie between Canada and Belgium at the Pacific Coliseum will advance to the Billie Jean King Cup Finals with a chance to be crowned World Champions.

Secure your seat now and cheer on Team Canada in the World Cup of Women's Tennis. Tickets are available to purchase [here](#).



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MATCH SCHEDULE

Friday, April 14, 2023

Singles Rubber #1 – 4:00 p.m. Pacific
Followed by Singles Rubber #2

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Singles Rubber #3 – 2:00 p.m. Pacific
Followed by Singles Rubber #4*
Followed by Doubles Rubber

*If tie is decided following Singles Rubber #3, Singles Rubber #4 may not be contested and Doubles Rubber will follow.

BROADCAST INFORMATION

Fans can watch the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifier between Team Canada and Belgium live on [SN NOW](#), Sportsnet's premium streaming platform and free to Sportsnet cable subscribers, as well as OLN and TVA Sports 2.

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