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FIVE CANADIANS SET TO COMPETE IN TENNIS EVENTS AT PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES

Andreescu, Auger-Aliassime, Dabrowski, Fernandez and Raonic will form the Canadian contingent in Paris, from July 27 to August 4

[MONTREAL, QC] July 25, 2024 – The official draw for the 2024 Olympic Tennis Event took place today at the Club des Loges at Stade Roland-Garros, with five Canadians set to compete on its prestigious clay courts. Representing Canada are Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON), Félix Auger-Aliassime (Montréal, QC), Gabriela Dabrowski (Ottawa, ON), Leylah Annie Fernandez (Laval, QC), and Milos Raonic (Thornhill, ON), who will all be vying for medals from July 27 to August 4.

All players will be taking part in multiple events, except for Andreescu who will focus solely on singles. Auger-Aliassime will be the most sought-after, competing in singles as the No. 13 seed, playing doubles with Raonic, and teaming up with Dabrowski in mixed doubles. Both Raonic and Fernandez will take part in the singles event, and Fernandez will join Dabrowski to form the remaining doubles team.

Fernandez leads the Canadian women's contingent as the 16th seed in singles. Having reached the third round at this renowned venue during the 2024 French Open, Fernandez is known to play some of her best tennis on clay. She even reached the quarterfinals at Roland-Garros in 2022. The Laval native, who made her Olympic debut in Tokyo in 2020, where she lost in the second round, will be looking to use this experience to improve on her previous result. She will begin her journey against Karolina Muchova of Czechia in the first round. If she advances, she could face the winner of Croatia's Petra Martic and Cristina Bucsa of Spain in the second round. She will also compete in her first Olympic doubles event, teaming up with Dabrowski.

Former world No. 4 and 2019 US Open champion Andreescu continues her comeback, competing in just four tournaments this season after a 10-month break. She has had encouraging results in recent weeks, reaching the third round at Roland-Garros and Wimbledon, as well as the final of a WTA 250 tournament in 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, where she defeated former world No. 1 Naomi Osaka. Unlike her teammate Fernandez, Andreescu will participate in her first Olympic event after having to withdraw from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. With her protected ranking, Andreescu will face Clara Tauson from Denmark in the opening round. If she reaches the third round, she could potentially meet 2023 US Open champion and No. 2 seed Coco Gauff of the United States.

Auger-Aliassime, seeded 13th at the Olympics this year, has had a strong clay season, reaching the round of 16 at Roland-Garros in June, where he lost to eventual champion Carlos Alcaraz of Spain. He also reached the final of the ATP 1000 tournament in Madrid, Spain, in May. He will compete in his second Olympic Games after Tokyo 2020, where he finished 33rd in singles and ninth in mixed doubles. The Montreal native, who will start his journey this year against Marcos Giron from United States, aims to surpass his 2020 performance and reach the podium for Team Canada. In order to reach the finals,



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Auger-Aliassime would have to potentially defeat Daniil Medvedev in the third round, Norway's Casper Ruud in the quarterfinals and Alcaraz in the semifinals.

Raonic, a Wimbledon finalist in 2016 and former world No. 3, will compete in his second Olympic Games after more than a decade, following his participation in the London 2012 Olympics. He played one of the longest matches in Olympic tennis history against French player Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, losing 3-6, 6-3, 23-25 after nearly four hours of play. Raonic has only competed in a few tournaments since 2021 due to injuries, but he has shown impressive form in his matches with victories against Alexander Bublik, Cameron Norrie, and Roberto Bautista Agut this year. He will benefit from his protected ranking to take part in this Olympics events, where he will face Dominik Koepfer of Germany in the first round and would potentially have to meet Rafael Nadal or Novak Djokovic in the third round.

Dabrowski, who reached the doubles final at Wimbledon this year, will compete in her third Olympic event, making her the most experienced player on the Canadian tennis team at the Olympics. Dabrowski made her debut at Rio 2016, where she competed in women's doubles with Eugenie Bouchard, reaching the second round. She competed in women's doubles with Sharon Fichman and mixed doubles with Auger-Aliassime at Tokyo 2020. Representing Canada alongside Fernandez in women's doubles as the fifth best-ranked team, the Canadians will face French team Clara Burel and Varvara Gracheva in the first round. They could also face Czechia's team in the semifinals, composed of Barbora Krejčíková, who won the 2024 Wimbledon singles title, and Katerina Siniakova, who won doubles at the All England Lawn Tennis Club this year.

Auger-Aliassime and Raonic will also compete in the doubles event, marking their first participation in this discipline at the Olympics. Having already teamed up on a few occasions, notably during two ATP 1000 tournaments in the United States in 2020, where they defeated players such as Nicolas Mahut and Jan-Lennard Struff. The Canadian duo, known for their powerful serves and forehands, will aim to combine their strengths to progress as far as possible in the competition. They will start their run against third seeds Taylor Fritz and Tommy Paul of the United States.

Dabrowski and Auger-Aliassime are part of the 16 teams in the mixed doubles draw at the Olympics. Among the participants are Tokyo 2020 men's singles gold medallist Alexander Zverev, who will team up with Laura Siegemund, while Gauff and Fritz will represent the United States. Auger-Aliassime and Dabrowski also represented Canada in mixed doubles in Tokyo, finishing ninth. They will look to regain their momentum and improve on this performance, as they face Heather Watson and Joe Salisbury in the opening round and assuming a victory, they would have to face the American team and third seed, Gauff and Fritz.

The Canadian men's team will be supported by their respective national coach, Davis Cup captain Frank Dancevic, while the women's team will have the support of Billie Jean King Cup captain Heidi El Tabakh.

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