



WATCH TEAM CANADA IN ACTION AT THE BILLIE JEAN KING CUP **QUALIFIERS ON TVA SPORTS AND CBC SPORTS**

Team Canada will face Romania on April 11 and Japan on April 13, 2025

ITORONTO, ON April 9, 2025 - Tennis Canada today announced that Team Canada's Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Qualifiers, held at the Ariake Coliseum in Tokyo, Japan, will be broadcast on TVA Sports and livestreamed by CBC Sports on CBC Gem and cbcsports.ca. Placed in Group A, the No. 2ranked Canadian team will face Romania (No. 13) and Japan (No. 14) on April 11 and 13, 2025 respectively. The group winner will qualify for the Billie Jean King Cup Finals in November.

Led by captain Heidi El Tabakh, the Canadian roster includes Rebecca Marino (Vancouver, BC), Marina Stakusic (Mississauga, ON), Victoria Mboko (Toronto, ON), Kayla Cross (London, ON), and Ariana Arseneault (Richmond Hill, ON). The 2023 champions hope to advance to the final stage of the Billie Jean King Cup for the fifth time.

On the other side of the court, the Romanian team will consist of Anca Todoni, Miriam Bulgaru, Georgia Craciun, Ilinca Amariei, and Mara Gae, while the team from the host country Japan features Moyuka Uchijima, Aoi Ito, Ena Shibahara, Eri Hozumi, and Shuko Aoyama.

"We are excited to announce renewed partnerships with TVA Sports and CBC Sports for the 2025 Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers," said Gavin Ziv, Chief Executive Officer at Tennis Canada. "This year, with the Qualifiers being played in groups of three, Canadian fans will be able to watch not one, but two tremendous matchups. To add to the excitement, there are a few new faces on the team, as Victoria Mboko, Kayla Cross and Ariana Arseneault prepare to make their Team Canada debuts. We would like to thank TVA Sports and CBC Sports for continuing to cover this event and helping us showcase our talented players to the world."

Viewers can watch Team Canada's Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers on TVA Sports. The matches will also be available to livestream for free on CBC Sports digital platforms, including CBC Gem, cbcsports.ca, and the CBC Sports YouTube channel.

MATCH SCHEDULE

Friday, April 11 (Canada vs. Romania)

- Matches start at 1 p.m. local time (12 a.m. ET)
- Watch live on CBC Sports
- Tune in at 8 a.m. ET on TVA Sports

Sunday, April 13 (Canada vs. Japan)

- Matches start at 11 a.m. local time (Saturday, April 12, at 10 p.m. ET)
- Watch live on CBC Sports
- Tune in at 7 a.m. ET on TVA Sports

SOBEYS STADIUM 1 Shoreham Dr, Suite 100 Toronto ON M3N 3A6

T. 416.665.9777

STADE IGA 285, rue Gary-Carter Montréal QC H2R 2W1

T. 514.273.1234

For more information on the Billie Jean King Cup and its new format, click here.

About the Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge™

The Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge is the women's World Cup of Tennis. Previously known as the Fed Cup, it is the largest annual international team competition in women's sport, with a record 146 nations entered in 2025. Champions Italy took home \$2.4m for their triumph at the 2024 Finals in Malaga. Global partners of the event include Gainbridge®, e.l.f. Beauty and Microsoft.

About Tennis Canada

Founded in 1890, Tennis Canada is a non-profit, national sport association with a mission to lead the growth, development and promotion of tennis in Canada and a vision to be a world-leading tennis nation. We value teamwork, passion, integrity, innovation and excellence. Tennis Canada owns and operates the premier National Bank Open presented by Rogers WTA and ATP Tour events, it financially supports 15 other professional tournaments in Canada, as well as operating more than 60 events nationally across junior, wheelchair, university and Masters tennis categories. Tennis Canada is a proud member of the International Tennis Federation, the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and serves to administer, sponsor and select the teams for Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, the Olympic and Paralympic Games and all wheelchair, junior and masters tennis national teams. Tennis Canada invests its surplus into tennis development. For more information on Tennis Canada please visit our website at: www.tenniscanada.com and follow us on LinkedIn, X, Facebook and Instagram.

-30-

Media Contact

Patrick Steski Advisor, Communications psteski@tenniscanada.com +1 (613) 818-6237