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VICTORIA MBOKO AND MARINA STAKUSIC WITHDRAW FROM BILLIE JEAN KING CUP; ARIANA ARSENEAULT ADDED TO ROSTER
Team Canada will take on Kazakhstan on April 10-11 at the Beeline Arena in Astana, Kazakhstan

[TORONTO, ON] March 28, 2026 – Tennis Canada today confirmed that Victoria Mboko (Burlington, ON) and Marina Stakusic (Mississauga, ON) have withdrawn from the upcoming Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Qualifiers. Ariana Arseneault (Richmond Hill, ON) has been added to the roster and will join Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON), Gabriela Dabrowski (Ottawa, ON), and Kayla Cross (London, ON).

“I am very sorry to have to withdraw from the upcoming Billie Jean King Cup tie in Kazakhstan,” said Mboko. “In recent days, I have experienced recurring dental pain and will need to remove my four wisdom teeth in the coming days. Given that, I am sadly unable to travel to Kazakhstan and will therefore miss this tie. There is no greater privilege than playing for and representing Canada – I wish the team the best of luck next week and I am very much looking forward to joining the team again later this year.”

Stakusic is withdrawing due to a back injury.

“I’m really disappointed to have to pull out of the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers, but I felt this was the best decision I could make for the team given that my body is not at 100 per cent,” said Stakusic. “Representing Team Canada is an honour that I don’t take for granted, and the weeks spent with the team are some of my favourites of the year. I’ll be watching and cheering them on from afar, and I look forward to my next opportunity to wear the maple leaf.”

The Qualifiers will take place at the Beeline Arena in Astana, Kazakhstan (clay, indoors), where Canada is set to play the Kazakh team in a best-of-five format. The winning nation will advance to the 2026 Finals in September, while the other team will compete in the November Play-offs. Action begins on Friday, April 10 at 2 p.m. local time (5 a.m. ET), and concludes on Saturday April 11 at 1 p.m. local time (4 a.m. ET).

MEDIA NOTES

Ariana Arseneault

- Ariana Arseneault won her first pro singles title this season at the ITF W15 Trois-Rivières.
- No. 196 in doubles, she claimed her 11th career doubles title in February at the W35 The Hague.
- The 23-year-old receives her second team nomination and awaits her on-court debut.

Canada vs. Kazakhstan

- Canada (No. 4) reached the Qualifiers by winning its group at the 2025 Play-offs with victories over Denmark and Mexico.
- Kazakhstan (No. 9) qualified by reaching the 2025 Finals, losing to USA in the quarter-finals.
- Canada leads the head-to-head 1-0 after a 3-2 win in Montreal in 2017.
- The Canadian team was crowned world champions in 2023, defeating Italy 2-0 in the final.



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