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CANADA TO FACE BRAZIL AT BILLIE JEAN KING CUP PLAY-OFFS IN NOVEMBER

The tie will be played at a to-be-determined location in Brazil during the week of November 16, 2026

[TORONTO, ON] April 23, 2026 – On Thursday, the draw for the 2026 Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Play-offs took place at the International Tennis Federation (ITF) offices in London, Great Britain. Team Canada is set to face Brazil during the week of November 16, 2026. The choice of playing surface and venue will be confirmed by the Brazilian Tennis Confederation in due course.

Team Canada is competing in the Play-offs following its loss in the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers earlier this month. The Canadian team, consisting of Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON), Kayla Cross (London, ON), Ariana Arseneault (Richmond Hill, ON), and first-time selection Sasha Vagramov (Port Moody, BC), fell 3-1 to host nation Kazakhstan, who advanced to the 2026 Finals.

Canada, currently ranked No. 8 in the world and seeded No. 2 in the Play-offs draw, will face Brazil (No. 19). The tie marks the 13th meeting between the two nations, with Canada having won all 12 previous encounters. Their most recent matchup came in 2013 in Colombia, where Eugenie Bouchard (Montreal, QC), Sharon Fichman (Toronto, ON), and Gabriela Dabrowski (Ottawa, ON) secured a 2-1 victory to send Canada to the World Group II Play-offs.

The tie will consist of two singles matches on the first day, followed by a doubles match and two singles matches on the second day, mirroring the format used in Davis Cup play. The 2026 Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers marked the first time in the competition's history that the doubles match was guaranteed.

Earlier this February, the Canadian men's team defeated Brazil 3-2 in their Davis Cup Qualifier 1s Round tie in Vancouver, British Columbia, with wins from Liam Draxl (Newmarket, ON) and Gabriel Diallo (Montreal, QC) securing the victory.

The draw results for the Billie Jean King Cup Play-offs are listed below. Winning nations will advance to the 2027 Qualifiers, while losing nations will compete in the 2027 regional Group I events.

USA (1) (c)* v Hungary
Brazil (c)* v **CANADA** (2)
Poland (3) (c) v Sweden
Japan (4) (c) v Argentina
France (c) v Australia (5)
Thailand (c)* v Switzerland (6)
Slovenia (7) (c) v Indonesia

(c) = choice of ground; * = choice of ground decided by lot



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