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BIANCA ANDREESCU, KAYLA CROSS, GABRIELA DABROWSKI, AND ARIANA ARSENEAULT TO REPRESENT TEAM CANADA AT BILLIE JEAN KING CUP PLAY-OFFS

Canada will face Brazil in Vitoria, Brazil on outdoor clay courts from November 20-21, 2026

[TORONTO, ON] October 21, 2026 – Tennis Canada has announced that Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON), Kayla Cross (London, ON), Gabriela Dabrowski (Ottawa, ON), and Ariana Arseneault (Richmond Hill, ON) will represent Team Canada at next month's Billie Jean King Cup presented by Gainbridge Play-offs.

The tie will take place in Vitoria, Brazil, on outdoor clay courts, where Canada will face Brazil in a best-of-five format. Play begins Friday, November 20, at 2 p.m. local time (12 p.m. ET) and concludes Saturday, November 21, at 1 p.m. local time (11 a.m. ET). The winning nation will advance to the 2027 Qualifiers, while the losing nation will compete in its respective Regional Group I. Both competitions will take place in April 2027.

"We're excited to compete in Brazil and continue our push toward the 2027 Finals and a return to the Qualifiers," said team captain Heidi El Tabakh. "We know how challenging away ties can be, but we're thrilled to be bringing such a strong team that puts us in a good position to come away with the win. We'll be ready to compete from the first point and do everything we can to get the job done against a challenging Brazilian team."

Brazil's squad will be made up of Laura Pigossi, Gabriela Ce, Nauhany Vitoria Leme Da Silva, Luiza Fullana, and Luisa Stefani.

MEDIA NOTES

Canada vs. Brazil

- Canada (No. 8) enters the Play-offs after falling 3-1 to Kazakhstan in the Qualifiers.
- Brazil (No. 19) advanced to the Play-offs after winning its Regional Group I, defeating Chile, Argentina, Peru and Mexico.
- Canada leads Brazil 12-0 in their head-to-head, with its most recent victory coming in 2013 when Sharon Fichman and Dabrowski clinched the tie in the deciding doubles rubber.
- Canada was crowned world champions in 2023, defeating Italy 2-0 in the final.

Bianca Andreescu (No. 132)

- Andreescu is fresh off her biggest title since 2019, winning the WTA 125 RoveretOpen Città della Pace.
- She has also won two World Tennis Tour (WTT) titles this season.
- The 26-year-old qualified for the Wimbledon main draw this summer, marking her first Grand Slam main-draw appearance since 2024.
- She will represent Canada at the Billie Jean King Cup for the ninth time and has a 9-5 record.



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Kayla Cross (No. 186)

- Cross won her biggest career singles title in July at the Granby National Bank Championships.
- She also earned her first WTA Tour-level main-draw win at the National Bank Open presented by Rogers (NBO).
- The 21-year-old will make her third appearance for Team Canada at the Billie Jean King Cup, where she holds a 1-3 record.

Gabriela Dabrowski (No. 4 – doubles)

- Dabrowski and her Brazilian partner, Luisa Stefani, have qualified for the WTA Finals, marking Dabrowski's eighth appearance at the season-ending championships.
- They've won six titles this season, including three WTA 1000 titles (Dubai, Beijing, Wuhan).
- Dabrowski reached a career-high doubles ranking of No. 2 in July 2026.
- This will be her 21st Billie Jean King Cup nomination, where she holds a 16-12 record.

Ariana Arseneault (No. 352)

- Arseneault won her first career singles title this season at the WTT W15 Trois-Rivières.
- She has also won three WTT doubles titles in 2026, including two alongside fellow Canadian Raphaëlle Lacasse.
- This will be the 24-year-old's third Billie Jean King Cup appearance as she looks to make her on-court debut.

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