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BIANCA ANDREESCU AND KAYLA CROSS TO PLAY SINGLES, GABRIELA DABROWSKI AND ARIANA ARSENEAULT COMPETING IN DOUBLES FOR CANADA AT THE BILLIE JEAN KING CUP PLAY-OFFS

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

[VITORIA, BRA] November 19, 2026 – The draw for the Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Play-offs took place today at the temporary venue at Shopping Vitoria in Vitoria, Brazil. Canada will face Brazil on outdoor clay courts in a best-of-five tie, with the winner advancing to the 2027 Qualifiers and the losing nation competing in the Regional Group I.

Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON), who climbed to world No. 77 after capturing her third WTA 125 title in five weeks, will open the tie on Friday against 16-year-old Nauhany Silva, ranked No. 462. Kayla Cross (London, ON), also fresh off a title and currently ranked world No. 193, will play the second singles match against Brazil's top-ranked player, world No. 255 Laura Pigossi.

Saturday's action will begin with a doubles match featuring Gabriela Dabrowski (Ottawa, ON) and Ariana Arseneault (Richmond Hill, ON) versus Luisa Stefani, Dabrowski's usual partner, and Pigossi. The doubles rubber will be followed by a singles match between Andreescu and Pigossi – the Canadian currently leading their head-to-head 2-0. If necessary, a fifth and deciding match will see Cross face Silva.

"I mean, to be honest, I don't think I need to motivate them. These girls are incredibly excited to represent their country and play under the Canadian flag," said captain Heidi El Tabakh during the team press conference. "This team brings so much energy, and I'm going to do the best I can to get the very best out of each player. I'm incredibly grateful to all the girls on the team and the entire support staff who have given up their time, especially at this time of year, to be here. We're excited, we're ready, and we can't wait to get things going tomorrow."

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). Both days of competition will be available live in English to TSN Premium subscribers, while French-language coverage will be provided by TVA Sports, with Day 1 airing live on TVA Sports and Day 2 on TVA Sports 2.

MEDIA NOTES

- 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.
- Gabriela Dabrowski is one win away from tying Sonya Jeyaseelan for the most doubles wins by a Canadian at the Billie Jean King Cup (17).

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- The state of Espírito Santo in Brazil is hosting a Billie Jean King Cup tie for the first time in its history.

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