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TEAM CANADA TIED 1-1 WITH BRAZIL AFTER DAY ONE OF BILLIE JEAN KING CUP PLAY-OFFS

Saturday's doubles match is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. ET, with at least one singles match to follow

[VITORIA, BRA] November 20, 2026 – After the first day of the Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Play-offs, Team Canada is tied with Brazil 1-1 following victories from Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON) and Brazil's Gabriela Ce. The best-of-five tie is played on outdoor clay courts in Vitoria, Brazil, and will conclude tomorrow.

In the opening match, Andreescu faced 16-year-old Nauhany Silva, ranked No. 462. The Canadian, who climbed to world No. 77 after capturing her third WTA 125 title in five weeks, delivered a strong performance to defeat Silva 6-3, 6-1 in one hour and 11 minutes, giving Canada an early lead. Andreescu converted all five of her break-point opportunities and saved four of the five she faced.

"It felt really good to get that first point for Canada," said Andreescu. "Nana [Silva] has a big serve and forehand, so I wanted to make her play one more ball and step in when I had the chance. Having the team right there on the bench is what I love about playing the Billie Jean King Cup."

Before the second match, it was announced that Laura Pigossi would be unavailable due to discomfort, with Ce stepping in as her replacement. Canada's Kayla Cross (London, ON), ranked world No. 193, served well, landing 88 per cent of her first serves and winning 60 per cent of those points. However, she was unable to overcome the tenacious Ce, falling 6-2, 7-5 as Brazil evened the tie at 1-1 heading into the second day.

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

Saturday's matches will be available live in English to TSN Premium subscribers, while French-language coverage will be provided by TVA Sports, airing 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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