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Gauff, Chwalinska and Bencic headline nominations for 2026 Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Play-offs

Coco Gauff, Maja Chwalinska and Belinda Bencic are among the stars set to compete at the 2026 Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Play-offs.

A total of 64 players have been nominated to represent their nations across seven ties that will take place on 20-22 November.

Gauff will lead USA against Hungary in Delray Beach, Florida as the Americans bid to return to the Qualifiers after a surprise defeat to Belgium in April this year. Fellow Grand Slam singles champion Madison Keys is also in the American team, while Hungary are led by world No. 75 Anna Bondar.

Roland Garros runner-up Chwalinska, who won her first Tour-level title at Wuhan on Sunday, will spearhead Poland's team for a home clash with Sweden, while Tokyo 2020 gold medalist Bencic is Switzerland's top player for an away tie against Thailand.

Other stars named in their nations' squads include Bianca Andreescu (Canada), Kimberly Birrell (Australia), Diane Parry (France) and Lanlana Tararudee (Thailand). Nations can make up to three changes to their squads until one day prior to the event start date.

The seven winning nations from the Play-offs will compete in the 2027 Qualifiers – meaning that a victory in the Play-offs next month could be a first step towards being crowned world champions next year. Teams who lose in the Play-offs will compete in the three Regional Group I events in 2027.

Each Play-off tie will consist of two singles matches on day one, with the doubles match followed by two reverse singles matches on day two. This format was first used in the Billie Jean King Cup in this year's Qualifiers, further aligning the competition's format with the Davis Cup by Generali. All live matches in the Play-offs will be played as best-of-three tie-break sets.

The 2026 Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Finals took place in Shenzhen, China, P.R. in September, with Czechia defeating Ukraine in the final to claim their 12th Billie Jean King Cup title.

2026 Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Play-offs (20-22 November)

USA v Hungary
Dates: Saturday 21-Sunday 22 November
Venue: Delray Beach Tennis Center, Delray Beach
Surface: hard, outdoors
Head-to-head: first Billie Jean King Cup meeting

<u>USA</u>
Coco Gauff
Madison Keys
Ann Li
Taylor Townsend
Nicole Melichar-Martinez
Captain: Lindsay Davenport

<u>Hungary</u>
Anna Bondar
Dalma Galfi
Adrienn Nagy
Amarissa Toth
Fanny Stollar
Captain: Kornel Bardoczky

Brazil v Canada
Dates: Friday 20-Saturday 21 November
Venue: Shopping Vitoria, Vitoria
Surface: clay, outdoors
Head-to-head: Canada lead 12-0

Brazil
Laura Pigossi
Gabriela Ce
Luiza Fullana
Nauhany Vitoria Leme da Silva
Luisa Stefani
Captain: Luiz Peniza

Canada
Bianca Andreescu
Kayla Cross
Ariana Arseneault
Gabriela Dabrowski
Captain: Heidi el Tabakh

Poland v Sweden
Dates: Friday 20-Saturday 21 November
Venue: Hala Mistrzow, Wloclawek
Surface: hard, indoors
Head-to-head: Poland lead 5-2

Poland
Maja Chwalinska
Katarzyna Kawa
Martyna Kubka
Linda Klimovicova
Weronika Falkowska
Captain: Dawid Celt

Sweden
Kajsa Rinaldo Persson
Caijsa Hennemann
Lisa Zaar
Lea Nilsson
Linea Bajraliu
Captain: Johanna Larsson

Japan v Argentina
Dates: Saturday 21-Sunday 22 November
Venue: Ariake Colosseum, Tokyo
Surface: hard, indoors
Head-to-head: tied 4-4

Japan
Himeno Sakatsume
Mai Hontama
Ena Shibahara
Shuko Aoyama
Eri Hozumi
Captain: Ai Sugiyama

Argentina
Justina Maria Gonzalez Daniele
Maria Florencia Urrutia
Luciana Moyano
Sol Ailin Larraya Guidi
Captain: Paola Lorena Suarez

France v Australia
Dates: Saturday 21-Sunday 22 November
Venue: Le Chaudron, Le Portel
Surface: clay, indoors
Head-to-head: Australia lead 5-2

France
Diane Parry
Leolia Jeanjean
Fiona Ferro
Kristina Mladenovic
Captain: Alize Cornet

Australia
Kimberly Birrell
Talia Gibson
Maya Joint
Storm Hunter
Captain: Samantha Stosur

Thailand v Switzerland
Dates: Saturday 21-Sunday 22 November
Venue: National Tennis Development Center, Nonthaburi
Surface: hard, outdoors
Head-to-head: first Billie Jean King Cup meeting

Thailand
Lanlana Tararudee
Mananchaya Sawangkaew
Anchisa Chanta
Thasaporn Naklo
Peangtarn Plipuech
Captain: Pracharapol Khamsaman

Switzerland
Belinda Bencic
Viktorija Golubic
Simona Waltert
Susan Bandecchi
Jil Teichmann
Captain: Heinz Guenthardt

Slovenia v Indonesia
Dates: Friday 20-Saturday 21 November
Venue: Bela Dvorana, Velenje
Surface: clay, indoors
Head-to-head: Indonesia lead 1-0

Slovenia
Dalila Jakupovic
Alja Senica
Nika Radisic
Andreja Klepac
Captain: Masa Zec-Peskiric

Indonesia
Priska Madelyn Nugroho
Mischka Sinclaire Goenadi
Anjali Kirana Junarto
Aldila Sutjiadi
Meydiana Laviola Reinnamah
Captain: Christopher Rungkat

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