

## **Canada overcomes injuries to top Ukraine in Fed Cup Sports**

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From The Canadian Press, Apr 22, 2018 MONTREAL — Even with a rash of injuries, Canada's Fed Cup squad found a way to defeat Ukraine. A closing 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 victory by the doubles team of Gabriela Dabrowski of Ottawa and Bianca Andreescu of Mississauga, Ont., over Olga Savchuk and Kateryna Bondarenko gave Canada a 3-2 win in the best-of-five World Group II playoff on Sunday. The teams had split the four singles matches, with Eugenie Bouchard of Westmount, Que., showing her determination to rediscover her old form with a pair of wins in her return to Fed Cup play after a two-year absence. The victory keeps Canada in World Group II next year, while Ukraine, which played without its top player Elina Svitolina, drops to European zone play.

"I'm proud of myself for this weekend," said Bouchard, the former world No.5 who has dropped to 117th in WTA rankings. "I had a job coming in here and I did it. "I felt good with my tennis, good with my movement and I'm really proud of the way I fought, so it's a good building block for me."

Bouchard outlasted Lesia Tsurenko 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5) but Dabrowski fell to Bondarenko to leave the teams tied 2-2 heading into the doubles. Bouchard's two hours 39-minute marathon left both players barely able to remain standing in the third set, but Tsurenko looked to be the worse off with apparent cramping in the legs, while Bouchard seemed to be struggling to breathe. [&hellip;]

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