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## **FOUR CANADIANS IN THE FRENCH OPEN MAIN DRAWS**

***Félix Auger-Aliassime (no. 9), Denis Shapovalov (no. 14), and Leylah Annie Fernandez (no. 17) are among the seeded players***

**Montreal, May 19, 2022** – The official draw for the 2022 French Open was conducted on Thursday. Four Canadians will take part in the singles main draws. Félix Auger-Aliassime (Montreal, QC), Denis Shapovalov (Richmond Hill, ON), Leylah Annie Fernandez (Laval, QC) and Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON) will all be competing in the prestigious tournament on French soil which officially gets underway on May 22.

A fifth player could be added to the list of Canadians participating in singles at Roland-Garros, as Rebecca Marino (Vancouver, BC) will face world no. 223 Seone Mendez of Australia in the final round of qualifying on Friday.

This is Auger-Aliassime's third appearance in the main draw at the French Open. The ninth seed's journey in Paris promises to be a challenging one, as he could find himself in the path of no. 5 Rafael Nadal (Spain) in the fourth round, World No. 1 Novak Djokovic (Serbia) in the quarter-finals, and sixth-ranked Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) in the semis. His first rival, who will come from qualifying, will be determined in the next few days.

As for Shapovalov, the tournament's no. 14 seed will be competing at Roland-Garros for the fifth time in his career and fourth time in the main draw. In the first round, he will face 19-year-old Danish sensation Holger Rune, who just won his first ATP Tour title in Munich (ATP 250 event on clay). The Ontario native could also face no. 43 Pedro Martinez (Spain) in the second round, no. 19 Alex de Minaur (Australia) in the third round, no. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece) in the Round of 16, and no. 8 Casper Ruud (Norway) in the quarters.

On the women's side, Fernandez will be seeded at the French Open (no. 17) for the first time in her career. The 2019 Roland-Garros junior champion is making her third consecutive appearance as a pro. In the first round, she will take on no. 110 Kristina Mladenovic (France). The young Canadian is in the third quadrant of the draw, along with no. 4 Maria Sakkari (Greece), no. 6 Ons Jabeur (Tunisia), and the other Canadian in the draw, Bianca Andreescu (no. 72), who she could face in the third round.

This is Andreescu's third straight appearance in the main draw of the French Grand Slam. In her fourth tournament since returning from injury, she will face a qualifier in the first round and could face no. 14 Belinda Bencic (Switzerland) in round two. In addition to Fernandez, Sakkari and Jabeur, she could also face no. 5 Anett Kontaveit (Estonia) in the semifinals.



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