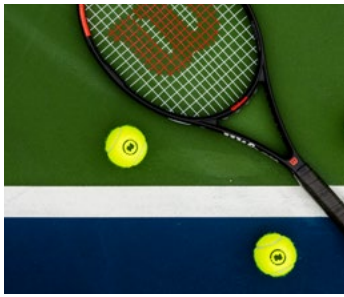




# **2022 TENNIS CANADA ANNUAL REPORT**



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# WELCOME MESSAGE



Welcome to Tennis Canada's 2022 Annual Report. I am delighted, as Chair of the Board, to pen this welcome remark, and to thank a wonderful team for an incredible year.

Before I begin to recap the year for Tennis Canada and tennis in Canada, I'd first like to acknowledge my predecessor. During Jennifer Bishop's time as Chair, our organization experienced incredible success, including celebrating a first Grand Slam singles champion as well as the implementation of countless off-court initiatives to cement our place as a world-leading tennis nation, including in crucial areas such as Gender Equity and Safe Sport. Fortunately, we were able to continue that momentum in 2022 and, having navigated the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most challenging times in our organization's history, we flourished and reached new heights last year. Heights unmatched in our 133-year existence. I would also like to thank our departing board members, Marcie Ellen Jackson, Derrick Rowe and Mike Tevlin, each of whom have contributed to the achievements of Tennis Canada, and welcome our newest additions, James G. Bagnell, Mohamed Ismath, and Ula Ubani, who have already been active on our Board since last May.

It's hard to start anywhere other than the incredible Davis Cup championship, the first in our country's history, orchestrated by an experienced Team Captain Frank Dancevic and inspirational players in Félix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov, Vasek Pospisil, Gabriel Diallo and Alexis Galarneau. Their triumph was years in the making having followed in the footsteps of the many players that have gone before. Congratulations to them and every tennis fan in Canada, who can now legitimately claim the mantle of World Champions. On the women's side, our Billie Jean King Cup team put on a clinic in Vancouver last April to secure a 4-0 victory over Latvia and advance to the Finals in Glasgow, Scotland. Although they were knocked out after a round-robin loss to eventual champions Switzerland, no one would bet against Heidi El Tabakh and her talented team going all the way in 2023.

On the WTA and ATP Tours, our athletes continued to excel in 2022. Leylah Annie Fernandez sealed her second WTA title by repeating in Monterrey and reached a career-high No. 13 in August. Her run to the quarter-finals of Roland-Garros was a particular highlight. Bianca Andreescu reached the final in Bad Homburg, while Gabriela Dabrowski continued to





show why she's one of the best doubles players in the world, winning titles in Madrid, Tokyo and Chennai and finishing as runner-up in Rome and San Diego. Meanwhile, Rebecca Marino's continued comeback also saw her compete in the main draw at all four Grand Slams. On the men's side, Auger-Aliassime won his first four ATP titles, including three in consecutive weeks, and secured his spot at the year-end ATP Finals. Shapovalov reached two finals, in Vienna and Seoul, and remained inside the ATP's Top 20 for almost the entire year, while Pospisil continued to be a consistent performer at the highest level and won two Challengers, including in Drummondville. I would also like to reserve special congratulations for Victoria Mboko who, at 16-years-old, won her very first professional title at the Saskatoon Challenger in July. Fellow young Canadian Diallo also collected his first professional winner's trophy at the Granby National Bank Championships.

It was a great pleasure to see the National Bank Open presented by Rogers, the 'engine' of Tennis Canada, return as full-capacity events in Montreal and Toronto in 2022. Both cities broke attendance and sales records, and fans were able to watch the best players from across the world at IGA Stadium and Sobeys Stadium, marking the first year our Toronto event has been hosted at the venue under its new guise following an expansion of Tennis Canada's partnership agreement with Empire. Our tournaments are on firm footing having secured major funding of \$9.3 million in Toronto and \$10 million in Montreal, granted by the Government of Canada as part of the Major Festivals and Events Support Initiative (MFESI). Following COVID-19, these investments will enable event organizers to safely welcome visitors and be better positioned for long-term success, while providing spillover economic and job benefits to businesses across the region.

Off the court, Tennis Canada launched several new initiatives in 2022 that we can all be proud of. Mental Timeout, a game-changing wellness project focusing on the mental health of all those involved in tennis in Canada, was brought to life at the National Bank Open, including the Positive Court Pledge initiative. We also had the privilege of hosting the inaugural UNMATCHED Gender Equity in Sports Conference featuring tennis legend Billie Jean King and presented by National Bank, bringing together leaders, influencers, athletes, advocates, and academics from across Canada and the world to celebrate the place of women and girls in sport. Our capacity building efforts were also accelerated as the first three Year-Round Community Tennis Court projects were completed in partnership with Rogers in Markham (ON), Ancaster (ON) and Calgary (AB), with Waterloo (QC) set to follow along with four further new projects ready for the 2023-24 winter season. We also launched the National Bank Play Your Court Program through which local communities across the country can apply to receive funding to revitalize their outdoor community tennis courts, with the first completed project taking place in the City of Brampton.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to reiterate that tennis in Canada has never been stronger or had more momentum thanks to the inspired leadership of Michael Downey and all our colleagues at Tennis Canada. We are thoroughly looking forward to what 2023 has to bring as we continue to fulfill Tennis Canada's vision to be a world-leading tennis nation and mission to lead the growth of tennis in Canada.

**Peter Kruyt**

Chair of the Board





# TENNIS CANADA'S COMMITMENT



## Purpose

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To improve the lives of Canadians through tennis.



## Vision

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To be a world-leading tennis nation.



## Mission

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To lead the growth of tennis in Canada.



## Values

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We value teamwork, passion, integrity, innovation, excellence and accountability.



# ***2022 YEAR IN REVIEW***



## January

- JAN 9** History made as Team Canada (Félix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov, Brayden Schnur, and Steven Diez) is crowned ATP Cup champions after win over Team Spain in Sydney
- JAN 13** Rebecca Marino qualifies for the Australian Open, bringing the number of Canadians in the main draw to five

## February

- FEB 4** Brayden Schnur, Steven Diez, Peter Polansky, and Alexis Galarneau to represent Team Canada presented by Sobeys at Davis Cup in the Netherlands
- FEB 10** Tennis Canada announces that the Pacific Coliseum in Vancouver will host the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers tie between Team Canada presented by Sobeys and Latvia
- FEB 13** Félix Auger-Aliassime wins his first singles ATP title, defeating world No. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-2 in the final of the ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament
- FEB 16** An important transition in 2022 is announced, as the tournament in Granby becomes the National Bank Championships: a mixed event featuring a WTA 250 and an ATP Challenger

## March

- MAR 5** Team Canada loses 4-0 to the Netherlands in their Davis Cup Qualifiers tie
- MAR 6** Leylah Annie Fernandez wins her second title at the Abierto GNP Seguros in as many years, beating Colombia's Camila Osorio 6-7(5), 6-4, 7-6(3) in the final of the WTA 250 event in Monterrey, Mexico
- MAR 7** Leylah Annie Fernandez, Rebecca Marino, Gabriela Dabrowski, Françoise Abanda, and Carol Zhao to represent Team Canada at the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers against Latvia
- MAR 9** Tennis Canada, in partnership with Rogers, announces the first round of communities receiving funding to develop fully covered tennis courts through its new Year-Round Community Tennis Courts Program presented by Rogers
- MAR 16** British Columbia native and former world No. 13 Helen Kelesi named Team Canada Ambassador for the Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers tie against Latvia
- MAR 17** The International Tennis Federation (ITF) announces that Canada has been chosen as a replacement wild card and will compete in the 2022 Davis Cup Finals



## April

- APR 16** The Billie Jean King Cup Qualifiers conclude as Team Canada defeats Latvia 4-0, clinching its spot in the Finals
- APR 26** The Davis Cup Finals draw takes place, and it's announced that Canada will face off against Spain, Serbia and the Republic of Korea in a round-robin tournament in Valencia
- APR 28** Empire and Tennis Canada are thrilled to announce an exciting expansion of their partnership, unveiling Sobeyes Stadium in Toronto

## May

- MAY 10** Tennis Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Bennett as the Director of Safe Sport and Integrity
- MAY 11** Tennis Canada announces that Montreal native, Mr. Peter Kruyt has been appointed Chair of its Board of Directors as Jennifer Bishop becomes Past Chair having completed her three-year term as Chair
- MAY 17** Gabriela Dabrowski and her Mexican partner Giuliana Olmos win the Mutua Madrid Open, beating Desirae Krawczyk and Demi Schuurs in the final 7-6, 5-7, 10-7
- MAY 19** Félix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov, Leylah Annie Fernandez, Bianca Andreescu, and Gabriela Dabrowski are set to compete at the prestigious Roland-Garros
- MAY 20** Tennis Canada announces that James G. Bagnell, Mohamed Ismath, and Ula Ubani have been named to Tennis Canada's Board of Directors
- MAY 30** New Complexe tennis Saint-Augustin in Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, Québec, to host an ITF professional men's event starting in 2022
- MAY 31** Canadian Tennis Hall of Fame welcomes Aleksandra Wozniak, Tom Tebbutt, and Ron Ghitter

## June

- JUN 3** Osten & Victor Alberta Tennis Centre (ATC), Calgary's premier, state-of-the-art tennis facility, began construction on the installation of its first covered courts project
- JUN 24** The 2022 Wimbledon main draw will feature five Canadians, as Félix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov, Bianca Andreescu, Rebecca Marino, and Gabriela Dabrowski are all set to compete on the grass courts of the All England Club



## July

- JUL 7** Tennis Canada announces the inaugural UNMATCHED Gender Equity in Sports Conference presented by Tennis Canada and National Bank
- JUL 8** The official draw for the Billie Jean King Cup Finals is held, and Team Canada will be in Group A along with Switzerland and Italy in a round robin tournament to be held in Glasgow, Scotland
- JUL 14** Tennis Canada announces the launch of Mental Timeout, a game-changing wellness project focusing on the mental health of all those involved in tennis in Canada

## August

- AUG 3** The Honourable Helena Jaczek, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), announced an investment of over \$9.3 million to support the return of Tennis Canada's National Bank Open tournament in Toronto. This investment is provided through the Major Festivals and Events Support Initiative. Meanwhile, the Honourable Pascale St-Onge, Minister of Sport and Minister responsible for CED, announces a \$10 million financial contribution to the Montreal event
- AUG 14:** On the women's side in Toronto, Simona Halep wins her third title at the event, battling past Brazil's Beatriz Haddad Maia by a score of 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. The men's event in Montreal crowns a new champion, Pablo Carreno Busta of Spain, after a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 win over Poland's Hubert Hurkacz
- AUG 28** Canadian Diallo wins his first Challenger title at the Granby National Bank Championships

## September

- SEP 7** Felix Auger-Aliassime joins Team Canada presented by Sobeys for the Davis Cup Finals group stage in Valencia, Spain
- SEP 17** Team Canada advances to the quarter-finals of the Davis Cup Finals despite a 2-1 loss to Serbia
- SEP 23** The City of Brampton along with National Bank and Tennis Canada reveals the City's new National Bank Tennis Courts at Morris Kerbel Park
- SEP 25** Gabriela Dabrowski wins back-to-back doubles titles at the Chennai Open and Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis





## October

- OCT 6** Eugène Lapierre, a name synonymous with tennis in Québec, Canada, and around the world for more than three decades, announces he is stepping away from his role as Tournament Director of the National Bank Open presented by Rogers in Montréal
- OCT 8** Tennis Canada confirms that Leylah Annie Fernandez, Bianca Andreescu, Gabriela Dabrowski, Rebecca Marino, and Carol Zhao will represent Team Canada presented by Sobey's at the Billie Jean King Cup Finals in Glasgow
- OCT 16** Félix Auger-Aliassime claims a second-career ATP title, beating JJ Wolf of the United States 6-4, 6-4 in the final of the ATP 250 Firenze Open in Florence, Italy
- OCT 17** Canadian tennis legend Daniel Nestor is named on the ballot for the International Tennis Hall of Fame's Class of 2023 in the Player Category
- OCT 21** Tennis Canada announces that Félix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov, Vasek Pospisil, Alexis Galarneau, and Gabriel Diallo will represent Team Canada presented by Sobey's at the Davis Cup Finals, which will be held in Malaga, Spain
- OCT 23** Félix Auger-Aliassime captures his second straight ATP 250 title, defeating American Sebastian Korda 6-3, 6-4 in the European Open finals in Antwerp, Belgium
- OCT 30** Félix Auger-Aliassime claims his third-straight ATP title and fourth of 2022 after beating Denmark's Holger Rune 6-3, 7-5 in the final of the ATP 500 Swiss Indoors in Basel, Switzerland

## November

- NOV 7** Thomas Venos of British Columbia and Ontario native Anne-Marie Dolinar sweep the podium at the Birmingham National Wheelchair Tennis Championships, winning both the singles and doubles titles in their respective divisions
- NOV 11** Team Canada presented by Sobey's were beaten 2-1 by Switzerland, bringing a close to their Billie Jean King Cup Finals campaign in Glasgow, Scotland
- NOV 13** The International Tennis Federation (ITF) held the draw for the 2023 tournament's Qualifiers ties, and Team Canada will host Belgium on April 14-15, 2023
- NOV 20** Vasek Pospisil gets the better of second-seeded American Michael Mmoh 7-6(5), 4-6, 6-4 at the Drummondville National Bank Challenger to capture his second Challenger title of the year
- NOV 27** Team Canada presented by Sobey's defeats Australia 2-0 in the championship tie of the 2022 Davis Finals to clinch the nation's first title at the prestigious international event

## December

- DEC 15** Félix Auger-Aliassime and Leylah Annie Fernandez are the recipients of the 2022 Tennis Canada Excellence awards for Players of the Year and Singles Players of the Year in the men's and women's categories respectively
- DEC 15** Other Excellence Awards went to: Gabriela Dabrowski and Denis Shapovalov in the category of Doubles Players of the Year, Rebecca Marino and Gabriel Diallo as the Most Improved Players of the Year, Victoria Mboko and Jaden Weekes took home the honours for Junior Players of the Year, and Rob Shaw claimed the Wheelchair Tennis Player of the Year award, while Mitch McIntyre was named the Wheelchair Tennis Most Improved Player of the Year



***LET'S PLAY***



## Community Tennis

In 2022, Tennis Canada worked with several grassroots tennis organizations to offer free tennis programming to kids from underserved communities. Over 1,000 kids were reached through these organizations. Our grassroots partners offer each child at least six weeks of tennis programming to ensure all participants had learned the fundamentals and would be able to enjoy tennis as a sport for life.

### Key Highlights

#### Camp for New Canadians:

- 50 kids between the ages of seven and 14 joined for a full week of camp.
- The camp was open to families who immigrated to Canada within the past 10 years.
- Kids from 22 different countries took part in the camp.
- Philpott Children's Tennis supplied coaching services. Many of the coaches are graduates of the Philpott Tennis Leadership Program and are first-generation Canadians.
- Each camper received a tennis racquet and tennis balls to take home. The campers will continue to receive free tennis lessons through Philpott Children's Tennis and Jane and Finch Community Tennis Association.



## Kids' Tennis

Both the Rogers Rookie Tour and the Orange-Green Ball (U9/U10) Circuit returned for 2022. The Rogers Rookie Tour provides kids with their first match play experience, while the Orange-Green Ball Circuit provides young tennis players the opportunity to play competitive tennis in a fun environment.



# 121



121 Rogers Rookie Tour tournaments were hosted, which included 280 match play events for different age categories.

Tournaments were hosted in seven provinces at 45 different tennis clubs.

# 3460

Rogers Rookie Tour tournaments across the country received a total of 3,460 registrations in 2022.

# + 5000



Over 5,000 Rogers Rookie Tour matches took place in 2022.

Players between the ages of six and 16 participated in the 2022 Rogers Rookie Tour.

## The U9/U10 Circuit

# 197



197 U9/U10 Circuit tournaments were hosted, which included 378 events for different age categories.

Tournaments were hosted in nine provinces at 82 different tennis clubs.

# 4880

U9/U10 Circuit tournaments across the country received a total of 4,880 registrations in 2022.

# + 7000



Over 7,000 U9/U10 Circuit matches took place in 2022.

Players between the ages of six and 10 participated in the 2022 U9/U10 Circuit.

## University Tennis

The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Canadian University Tennis Championships returned to the National Bank Open grounds for the first time since 2019. Hosting the University Championships alongside the professional WTA/ATP events ensures tennis has one of the most unique university sports experiences in the country.

### — Women's Draw

The University of Alberta Golden Bears claimed the championship title with a convincing 6-1 victory over the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. This was the University of Alberta's third consecutive title in a row, which is a new record for university tennis in Canada.

### — Men's Draw

This year marked the first time in program history that the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds qualified for a National Championship. Their Cinderella story didn't end there, as they pulled off an impressive 4-3 win over the Université de Montréal to clinch the 2022 University Championship crown.

## Regional Championships



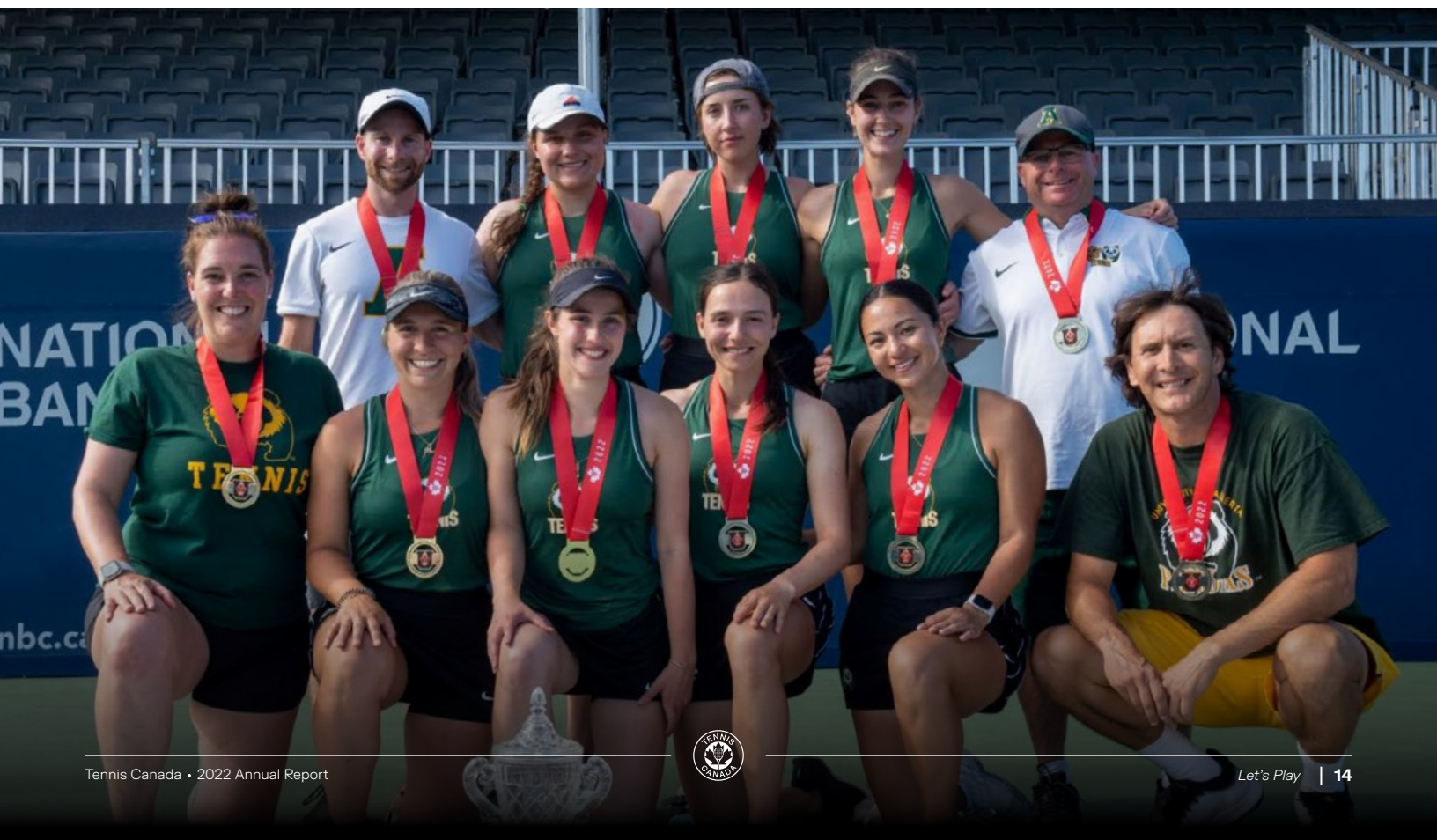
In the lead-up to the National Championships, regional university tennis returned for the 2021-22 season, with 25 universities, 45 teams and 433 players competing across the four regions.

### — Regional Champions

- **Western Canada:** University of Alberta (Women's), University of British Columbia (Men's)
- **Ontario:** University of Toronto (Women's), Western University (Men's)
- **Quebec:** Université de Montréal (Women's), Université de Montréal (Men's)
- **Atlantic Canada:** Acadia University (Women's), Dalhousie University (Men's)

### — NCAA Tennis

- 228 Canadians competed at a NCAA D1, D2 or D3 school during the 2021-22 season.
- 120 out of the 228 players (53%) competed in the women's division.
- 145 out of the 228 players (64%) competed in NCAA D1 tennis. 81 out of the 145 players (56%) competed in the women's division.





## Wheelchair Tennis

The Birmingham National Wheelchair Tennis Championships returned to IGA Stadium in Montreal, Quebec. Thomas Venos of British Columbia and Ontario native Anne-Marie Dolinar swept the podium, winning both the singles and doubles titles in their respective divisions. Other doubles winners were Barry Henderson and Natalia Lanucha

In addition to the men's and women's singles and doubles draws, the 2022 Birmingham Nationals had its first-ever junior division. John Chen, the talented youngster from British Columbia, won all three of his matches to take home inaugural title.

Moreover, Canadian wheelchair tennis flourished in 2022 on the international stage, with numerous players reaching new career milestones.

### Key Highlights

- Rob Shaw qualified for his first Grand Slam appearance at the US Open in September as well as the year-end Singles and Doubles Masters.
- All four of the players on the National team reached career-high rankings: Thomas Venos (No. 53), Barry Henderson (No. 84), Rob Shaw (No. 7 – Quads), and Mitch McIntyre (No. 13 – quads)





## Masters Tennis

Masters Tennis, formerly known as Seniors Tennis, made a resounding comeback in 2022 after a two-year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Canada was well represented at the ITF World Tennis Masters Tour – World Team & Individual Championships. The 2022 events took place in Palm Beach County, Florida, and in Lisbon, Portugal.

Additionally, back on home soil, the Steve Stevens Senior Nationals returned to Vancouver and was the highlight of the 2022 Masters calendar. Just over 500 players competed at five wonderful venues in Vancouver. The Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club along with the Arbutus Club, the Jericho Tennis Club, Richmond Country Club, and the Richmond Tennis Club did an incredible job of welcoming all the players to the city.

### Key Highlights

- Women's and Men's Over 70 teams captured Copper medals, finishing fourth in the World Team competition.
- Keith Porter won the Men's Over 70 Singles World Championships, becoming the first Canadian to clinch a Singles World Championships title since 2016.
- Erin Boynton was a semi-finalist in the Women's Over 60 singles event.



***GROW THE GAME***



## Facilities Programs

Making tennis more accessible for Canadians is among Tennis Canada’s top priorities and the organization was very proactive in accelerating its capacity building efforts in 2022 via two key initiatives, the **Year-Round Community Tennis Courts Program** presented by Rogers and the National Bank **Play Your Court Program**.

### Year-Round Community Tennis Courts Program Presented by Rogers

Funded jointly by Tennis Canada and Rogers, the \$5.6 million program will make year-round tennis a reality for Canadians and help foster increased participation amongst youth with the aim of building 160 year-round courts at up to 30 facilities by 2029. For each project, Rogers generously provides \$200,000 of seed money.

The investment addresses the fact that, when the program initially launched, Canada fell behind other leading tennis nations in providing access to the sport 12 months a year, with only 750 publicly accessible covered courts across the country. That’s just one year-round court for every 50,000 people.

Having unveiled the first completed projects at Premier Racquet Clubs (**Markham**, Ontario), Ancaster Tennis Club (**Hamilton**, Ontario) and OSTEN & Victor Alberta Tennis Center (**Calgary**, Alberta) in 2022, the program has already delivered 11 year-round tennis courts, serving approximately 2.5 million Canadians and collectively providing an additional



1,680 hours of court time per week to their constituents during the winter months. All three facilities saw a strong uptake in winter court bookings and membership enrollment for the new indoor season. Ground was also broken on a fourth project at Club de Tennis François Godbout (Waterloo, Quebec) which is scheduled for completion in the fall 2023.

**Watch a short video** to see the launch of the project at Premier Racquet Clubs – Markham.

To learn more about bringing year-round tennis to your community contact us at [coveredcourts@tenniscanada.com](mailto:coveredcourts@tenniscanada.com).



## National Bank Play Your Court

In August 2022, National Bank and Tennis Canada joined forces to officially launch the National Bank Play Your Court Program, aiming to make tennis more accessible for all Canadians. There is a growing demand for tennis and a need to update many outdoor community courts.

As such, the program's focus is to work with municipalities to give new life to community courts that already exist by

providing local communities across the country the chance to apply to receive funding to do so. In total, the initiative makes available \$3 million that will be directed to more than 100 courts across the country by 2030.

In September, The City of Brampton along with National Bank and Tennis Canada revealed the City's new National Bank Tennis Courts, the first project of the program. In addition to the resurfacing of four tennis courts, the final court surface will be added prior to the start of the 2023 playing season. The revamped facilities will include new posts, nets, court perimeter fencing, gates and signage for the duration of the agreement.





## Tennis Professionals Association (TPA) - Coaching

In 2022, over 50 in-person courses (including instructor and CP1 courses) were delivered across the country by the Provincial and Territorial Tennis Associations (PTTA) with over 550 participants being certified. Among these courses, the first Inspire through Sport instructor course was concluded in June 2022. The program, which took place over eight months, enabled 12 young women to obtain their instructor certification and develop into leaders in the tennis industry. On the High-Performance side, 17 coaches received their Coach 2 designation in 2022.

The TPA hosted eight online professional development pipeline webinar events geared towards High-Performance development in collaboration with the national centre coaches. In total, there were 564 registrants for the pipeline webinars. In addition, the TPA hosted four Cardio Tennis Training Courses, which included 71 participants, and two doubles workshops, with 80 participants in total divided between Toronto and Montreal.

At year-end, TPA membership stood at 3,705 – an increase of over 8% from the year prior and its highest number to date – of which roughly 3,033 were in good standing, meaning they had up-to-date certification and had completed all the necessary safe sport requirements.

Those safe sport requirements include a background check and the full completion of a Respect in Sport module. In total, 81% of coaches working at year-round, indoor facilities were in good standing by the end of the year.

The Tennis Professionals Association (TPA) and Pickleball Canada Organization (PCO) joined forces to develop pickleball coaches across Canada in September of 2021. The pathway seeks to develop enthusiastic pickleball players into excellent coaches to grow the game in Canada.

To date there have been 51 “Level One: Introduction to Pickleball” courses across the country. With increased interest from the Pickleball community to develop this program further, “Level Two: Developing Recreational Coaches”. Since September 2022, the TPA has executed 5 Level Two courses and has certified 593 coaches across both levels.



With a full calendar of events in 2022, the Officiating team had a very busy year supporting both professional and national tournaments.



## Women in Officiating

2022 saw a focus on Women in Officiating and several successful initiatives were launched to increase the number of women in the officiating system and to provide development opportunities to the women already working as officials.

Introductory clinics for women were held in Vancouver to coincide with the Billie Jean King Cup tie in April. Following the success of that clinic, another was held during the National Bank Open WTA event in Toronto.

Participants were given the opportunity to meet some of the world's top officials working on the tours, treated to a behind-the-scenes tour and provided with on-court training and mentorship to start their officiating journey. These two clinics have seen the highest retention rate of any in the last few years and, as a result, women officials now make up 45% of the total officials in British Columbia, and 40% in Ontario.

Anne Bees and Kasia Radwan-Cho, who have been leading these initiatives, were invited to share the learning and experiences from these clinics with the ITF Advantage All symposium delegates at the Billie Jean King Cup by Gainbridge Finals in Glasgow, Scotland in November.

The Tevlin Challenger, an ITF Women's \$60,000 event held in October, was staffed entirely by women officials, a first for Tennis Canada.

## Development

For the first time since 2010, in October, Tennis Canada hosted an ITF White Badge officiating school, offering all three modules, namely Chair Umpire, Chief Umpire and Referee. These schools, held over five days and attended by officials from around the world, are intended for officials with proven ability and experience of working at professional level tournaments. All the Canadian delegates passed their examinations, resulting in three newly-certified Referees, three Chiefs of Officials and two Chair Umpires.

In addition to supporting all the national and international events held at home, there was Canadian officiating representation at all four Grand Slams, and officials participated in exchanges with Qatar, Poland and Mexico. Canadian officials benefit from the knowledge of overseas officials sharing their expertise when they visit Canada and gaining this experience abroad is invaluable.





***CHANGING  
THE GAME***



## Gender Equity

After securing a 10-year partnership with National Bank in 2021 with a proportionate amount of the investment earmarked for advancing the participation and retention of women and girls in tennis, Tennis Canada realized important milestones in 2022 towards gender equity in tennis.



# UNMATCHED

*Gender Equity in Sports Conference*

On August 10, Tennis Canada and National Bank hosted the inaugural UNMATCHED Gender Equity in Sports Conference. Part of the equity strategy announced by Tennis Canada and National Bank in 2021, the conference featured tennis legend and icon Billie Jean King and brought leaders, influencers, athletes, advocates, and academics from across Canada and the world to celebrate the place of women and girls in sport

King, a former World No. 1, is one of the founding members of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) and a lifelong Gender Equity in Sport Advocate. She delivered a keynote address alongside Sportsnet's Evanka Osmak as Emcee during a fireside chat. In addition, the UNMATCHED Gender Equity in Sports Conference hosted several athletes and speakers discussing a wide range of topics that affect gender equity in sport including a panel on the topic of mental health..





# UNMATCHED

Gender Equity in Sports Conference



## Topics and Speakers

### Professionalization of Athletes: Creating and Advancing Opportunities off the Field

- **Teresa Resch**, Toronto Raptors Vice-President of Basketball Operations

### By the Numbers: Investing in Player Pathways and Professionalization of Athletes

- **Leanne Nicolle**, CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters
- **Allison Sandmeyer-Graves**, Director Canadian Women & Sports

### Expanding the Geographical Footprint of Sport for Women & Girls

- **Micky Lawler**, President, WTA

### Mental Health Panel: Pressure is a Privilege, but at What Price?

- **Cynthia Appiah**  
Canadian Olympic Bobsled Athlete
- **Sarah Hunter**  
Canadian Paralympian, Wheelchair Tennis
- **Stephanie Labbé**  
Canadian Olympic Women's Soccer Player
- **Mark Tewksbury**  
Vice-President, Canadian Olympic Committee
- Moderated by **Jhanelle Peters**  
Mental Health Clinician, Toronto Raptors

## A new role: Director, Women and Girls Advancement

In 2022, Tennis Canada created the position of Director of Women and Girls Advancement, a new role to specifically help the organization advance gender equity across multiple pillars and grow the participation of women and girls in tennis.

In collaboration with Eva Havaris, Vice-President of Tennis Participation and Partnerships, the new director, Terri Temelini will operationalize Tennis Canada's new gender equity strategy, building on the foundational work that has been accomplished in the last two years. She will also look to increase opportunities for women in leadership in tennis and expand their visibility throughout Canada, while striving to create inclusive environments within the sport where women and girls can thrive.





## Valérie Tétreault, New National Bank Open Tournament Director in Montreal

Last October, Eugène Lapierre, a name synonymous with tennis in Québec, Canada, and around the world for more than three decades, announced that he was stepping away from his role as Tournament Director of the National Bank Open presented by Rogers in Montréal. He passed the reins to Valérie Tétreault, previously Director of Communications at Tennis Canada and a respected TV sports commentator and former professional tennis player.

By virtue of her appointment, she became the first ever woman to hold the title of NBO Tournament Director in Montréal. Born in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Québec, Valérie is a former professional tennis player, reaching the ranking of world No. 112 in 2010 and having earned a total of 13 junior national titles. A member of the Canadian Billie Jean King Cup team from 2007 to 2010, she retired at the end of 2010 at only 22 years of age. Valérie joined Tennis Canada in 2011 as a Communications Coordinator, earning a promotion to Communications Director in 2018.

## Leadership Representation at Tennis Canada

Last year, Tennis Canada also unveiled other changes within its leadership structure, with the promotion of Anne Belliveau to the position of Chief Revenue and Marketing Officer, the selection of Marie-Renée Boisclair to the position of Chief Financial Officer, and the addition of Annie Blanchette to the role of Vice-President, People & Culture. These important changes brought balance to the leadership representation on the Senior management team, which is now composed of an equal number of men and women (four on each side).



# Mental Timeout

Tennis Canada announced in July the launch of Mental Timeout, a game-changing wellness project focusing on the mental health of all those involved in tennis in Canada. With 2019 US Open champion Bianca Andreescu as its first ambassador, Mental Timeout is a suite of initiatives to support Tennis Canada's commitment to improving the wellbeing of tennis players of all ages and levels, and to ensuring a safe, healthy, and supportive environment for the future of the sport.

The project took shape based on two commitments: one that Tennis Canada makes as an institution towards the future of the sport, and a commitment that Tennis Canada seeks from everyone during tennis events in Canada. It was brought to life on site at the 2022 National Bank Open presented by Rogers in Toronto and Montreal and showcased two main initiatives: the **Positive Court Pledge** and **Tennis Therapy**.



## Positive Court Pledge – A commitment by all

National Bank Open ticket buyers, tournament staff, volunteers, media, and players, as well as those following on social media around the world, were invited to sign The Positive Court Pledge – a written commitment to ensure a positive environment for all athletes performing in Canada, making them feel supported and uplifted. This pledge is a way to promote a safe environment, but also to break the taboo, and open a discussion, about the importance of mental health in sports.

## Tennis Therapy – Tennis helping tennis

The Tennis Therapy initiative included a number of creative additions during the National Bank Open that aim to minimize the stress experienced by players: Meditation zones, a curated musical "Timeout Playlist" and 1:1 access to mental health experts. Moreover, a panel discussion around mental health in tennis also took place in Toronto on August 10 and finally, family fun activities were offered during 407 ETR Family Weekend and IGA Family Weekend in Toronto and Montreal, including yoga sessions.

## A Commitment for a Long-Term Strategy

Tennis Canada pledged in 2022 a commitment for future Mental Timeout initiatives to continue the focus on mental health and the betterment of the sport. The long-term vision of the project is perfectly aligned with Tennis Canada's safe sport initiatives and our purpose: to improve the lives of Canadians through tennis.

As part of this strategy, Tennis Canada has engaged with several partners including Gameplan, the Canadian Olympic Committee, the Canadian Paralympic Committee, Own the Podium, Sport Canada, Canadian Centre for Mental Health and Sport (CCMHS) and the University of Ottawa to provide services, support, education and develop skills to lead a balanced life.





# Safe Sport

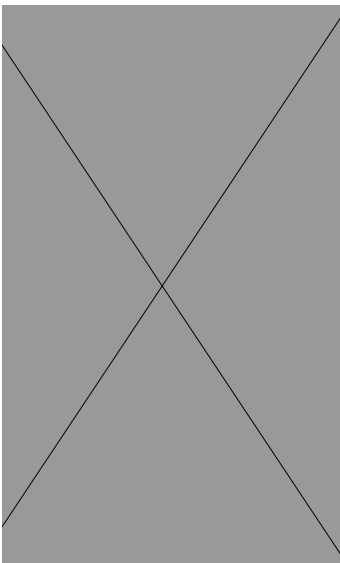


Fostering a safe and inclusive environment for everyone in tennis remains a priority for Tennis Canada. As such, in 2022, the organization's Safe Sport department focused on the following initiatives:

## National Communication Campaign

Tennis Canada, in collaboration with the Provincial and Territorial Tennis Associations and the TPA, developed a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of hiring an actively certified coach. This campaign featured a QR code whereby participants/parents can access the TPA database to ensure their coach is actively certified.

To learn more about this campaign visit [tenniscanada.com/aboutsafesport](https://tenniscanada.com/aboutsafesport)



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## Expansion of the Tennis Canada Code of Conduct and Independent Mechanism to Investigate Complaints

As Tennis Canada works towards becoming a signatory of Abuse Free Sport, the new independent program to prevent and address maltreatment in sport, Tennis Canada completed a review of our existing Code of Conduct to ensure alignment with the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS) and raise awareness for our independent Mechanism.





***HIGH  
PERFORMANCE***

# Team Canada Crowned Davis Cup Champions



It's been a long time coming for Team Canada at the Davis Cup. After successfully qualifying for the Finals held in Malaga from November 22 to 27, Team Canada made no mistakes as they took down Germany, Italy and Australia in consecutive order to secure its very first Davis Cup title in 109 years.

Five Canadians selected by captain Frank Dancevic were crowned world champions; Félix Auger-Aliassime (Montréal, QC), Denis Shapovalov (Richmond Hill, ON), Vasek Pospisil (Vernon, BC), Alexis Galarneau (Laval, QC) and Gabriel Diallo (Montréal, QC).

Against Germany in the quarter-finals, Shapovalov dropped the first match in three sets, but Auger-Aliassime won the second. Shapovalov and Pospisil teamed up to win the third decisive doubles match.

Matched up against the tough Italian squad in the semi-finals, Shapovalov again lost by a hair in three sets in the opening match. Team Canada didn't waver, as Auger-Aliassime easily took care of business in the second match and did it again alongside Pospisil in the third match, propelling Canada to the finals.

Australia were the opponents but proved no match for the Canadians as Shapovalov won his opening rubber. Auger-Aliassime sealed the victory with his win in the second match, as neither player dropped a single set.

A long road to the title was made worthwhile as the team made Canada the 16<sup>th</sup> nation to win one of the world's most prestigious international team tennis competitions, in which 138 countries participated this year.

The triumph automatically qualifies Canada for the 2023 Finals, where they will have a chance to defend the title. Along with Australia (finalist), Italy and Spain, Canada advanced directly to the group stage that gets underway in September. They will be joined by Croatia, France, the United States, Switzerland, Great Britain, Serbia, Chile, South Korea, Sweden, the Netherlands, Finland and the Czech Republic as each country won their Qualifier ties in February.

Team Canada had been knocking at the door in recent years at the Davis Cup, reaching the finals for the first time in history in 2019. Auger-Aliassime, Shapovalov and Pospisil all played pivotal roles in that historic run, but ultimately came up short. With experience on their side this time around, the Canadians made no mistakes with their second opportunity to seize the title.



# Team Canada returns to the Billie Jean King Cup Finals



In April, Canada qualified for the Billie Jean King Cup Finals by Gainbridge for the second straight year with a win over Latvia. As one of the 12 countries battling for the title in Glasgow, Scotland, Team Canada was powered by Leylah Annie Fernandez (Laval, QC), Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON), Rebecca Marino (Vancouver, BC), Carol Zhao (Vaughan, ON) and Gabriela Dabrowski (Ottawa, ON). Despite an initial win over Italy, the squad fell 2-1 to eventual champion Switzerland in the last tie of the group stage.



## ATP Cup Champions

The ATP Cup victory at the beginning of the 2022 season was a clear precursor to the success that lied ahead for Team Canada. The quadrumvirate of Auger-Aliassime, Shapovalov, Brayden Schnur and Steven Diez defeated Spain 2-0 in the final of the ATP Cup to crown Canada as champions.

The ATP Cup was inaugurated in 2020, and it was announced that it would be shut down following the 2022 edition – making Canada the third and final winner of the short-lived tournament. Serbia took it home in 2020 and Russia claimed the honour in 2021.

Sixteen countries took part in the 2022 ATP Cup. Canada came out on top of its initial group, topping the United States, Great Britain and Germany. In the knockout stage, they edged out a tight win against Russia in the semifinals in three matches. In the final, Auger-Aliassime and Shapovalov each won their respective matches to defeat Spain.

With the eventual Davis Cup victory, Canada became the first country to win both leading team tennis events in the same season.



# High Performance



The 2022 tennis season was highlight-filled for Canadian tennis fans. A maiden Davis Cup title was the crowning achievement, but there were plenty of success stories on both the WTA and ATP Tours throughout the year. By the close of the season, Félix Auger-Aliassime was the top-ranked Canadian at No. 6 in singles with Gabriela Dabrowski just one place back at No. 7 in doubles. In total, 39 titles were won on the professional circuits by Canadians - 18 singles and 21 doubles.

Click [here](#) to see the 2022 Canadian tennis season by numbers.



## Auger-Aliassime at the Nitto ATP Finals

On the heels of a strong 2022 season in which he raised his first four ATP winner's trophies (three of which he won consecutively in the whirlwind of an impressive 16-match winning streak), Auger-Aliassime punched his ticket to the Nitto ATP Finals in Turin, Italy. Even though he made an exit at the end of the group stage, his participation represents a major achievement since it marked the Quebecer's very first appearance at the renowned year-end championships. The 22-year-old closed the year out at a career-high ranking of World No.6. In 2022, he chalked up wins over the likes of No.1 Carlos Alcaraz, No.2 Rafael Nadal, No.5 Novak Djokovic, No.7 Andrey Rublev, No. 12 Alexander Zverev, No.14 Cameron Norrie and No.15 Jannik Sinner.

## Five Canadians in the Top 50

Five Canadians ended the season in the ATP or WTA Top 50. On the men's side, joining No.6 Auger-Aliassime was No.18 Shapovalov, who competed in two ATP finals in 2022 and the quarterfinals of the Australian Open last January. In the WTA, Fernandez (winner in Monterrey 2022) was World No.40 in singles, and Andreescu No.45. In doubles, Dabrowski ended the season at No.7 after taking home three titles in 2022, including the prestigious Mutua Madrid Open WTA 1000 crown. She also competed in the WTA Finals in doubles and won her third Peachy Kellmeyer Player Service Award, an award given by the WTA in recognition of her work in supporting her colleagues and the tour initiatives.

A special nod goes to Marino, who wrapped up 2022 as World No.65. It was a meteoric rise from No.144 in January for the woman who found her way back to pro tennis in 2017 after a four-year hiatus. In 2011, she hit a career-high ranking of No.38.





## Canadians excel at home

Canadian tournaments have always aimed to help propel our Canadian athletes to new heights, and they certainly achieved that mission in 2022 as three homegrown heroes took the top honours at Challenger events across the country. Sixteen-year-old Victoria Mboko was the first Canadian to be crowned when she won her very first pro title at the Saskatoon Challenger in July. In August, Diallo also collected his first professional winner's trophy at the Granby National Bank Championships. Pospisil won his second Challenger of the year in Drummondville in November after earning the title in Quimper (France) earlier in the season.

## Wheelchair Tennis: Rob Shaw continues to shine

Ontario's Rob Shaw had another stellar year, finishing No.7 in the world rankings in the quad division. This season, he won 6 titles which earned him an invitation to the NEC Wheelchair Singles Masters and the ITF Wheelchair Doubles Masters. He became the first Canadian player to qualify for this prestigious tournament since Sarah Hunter in 2004.



## National Tennis Centre Presented by Rogers

Tennis Canada is proud to present the members of the 2022–2023 class at the National Tennis Centre (NTC) presented by Rogers. Since its creation in 2007, the NTC has hosted some 60 players from across the country and built a proven track record that has helped its alumni reach the highest levels in professional tennis.

The group is made up of members from different provinces. Click on their names to view individual videos about them

- **Girls:**
  - Emma Dong** – 15 years old (Vancouver, British Columbia)
  - Addison Comiskey** – 15 years old (Ottawa, Ontario).
- **Boys:**
  - Keegan Rice** – 16 years old (Regina, Saskatchewan)
  - Adam Farag Cao** – 15 years old (Calgary, Alberta)
  - Finn Muller** – 14 years old (Toronto, Ontario).

## NTC players in the Transition Program



As new players begin their NTC journey, others begin their transition to the professional and college circuits, including Victoria Mboko (Toronto, ON), Kayla Cross (London, ON), Marina Stakusic (Mississauga, ON), Cadence Brace (Toronto, ON), Mia Kupres (Edmonton, AB), Annabelle Xu (Montréal, QC), Jaden Weekes (Montréal, QC) and Christophe Clément (Montréal, QC). Collectively, they had a stellar 2022 season, with the vast majority achieving personal bests in the junior rankings.

## NCAA college tennis circuit

Jaden Weekes (University of Kentucky), Christophe Clément (University of Kentucky), Mia Kupres (Texas A&M) and Annabelle Xu (University of Virginia) are all pursuing their tennis dreams on the college circuit in the US..

## NTC History by Numbers

58

players trained at the NTC  
(including current players)

42

players enrolled  
in the NTC program  
(19 girls, 23 boys)

13

players on the  
professional tours

24

players graduated from  
a US University

8

players competing  
on the NCAA college  
tennis circuit

6

Grand Slam singles titles won  
by past and current CNT players  
(5 junior championships,  
1 professional)

2

CNT alumni on the  
Canadian team that won  
the 2022 Davis Cup

12

Grand Slam final berths by past  
and current CNT players  
(9 junior championships,  
3 professional)

1000

training hours annually

+ 600

hours of academic  
studies annually



# ***EVENTS***



# NATIONAL BANK OPEN

presented by ROGERS

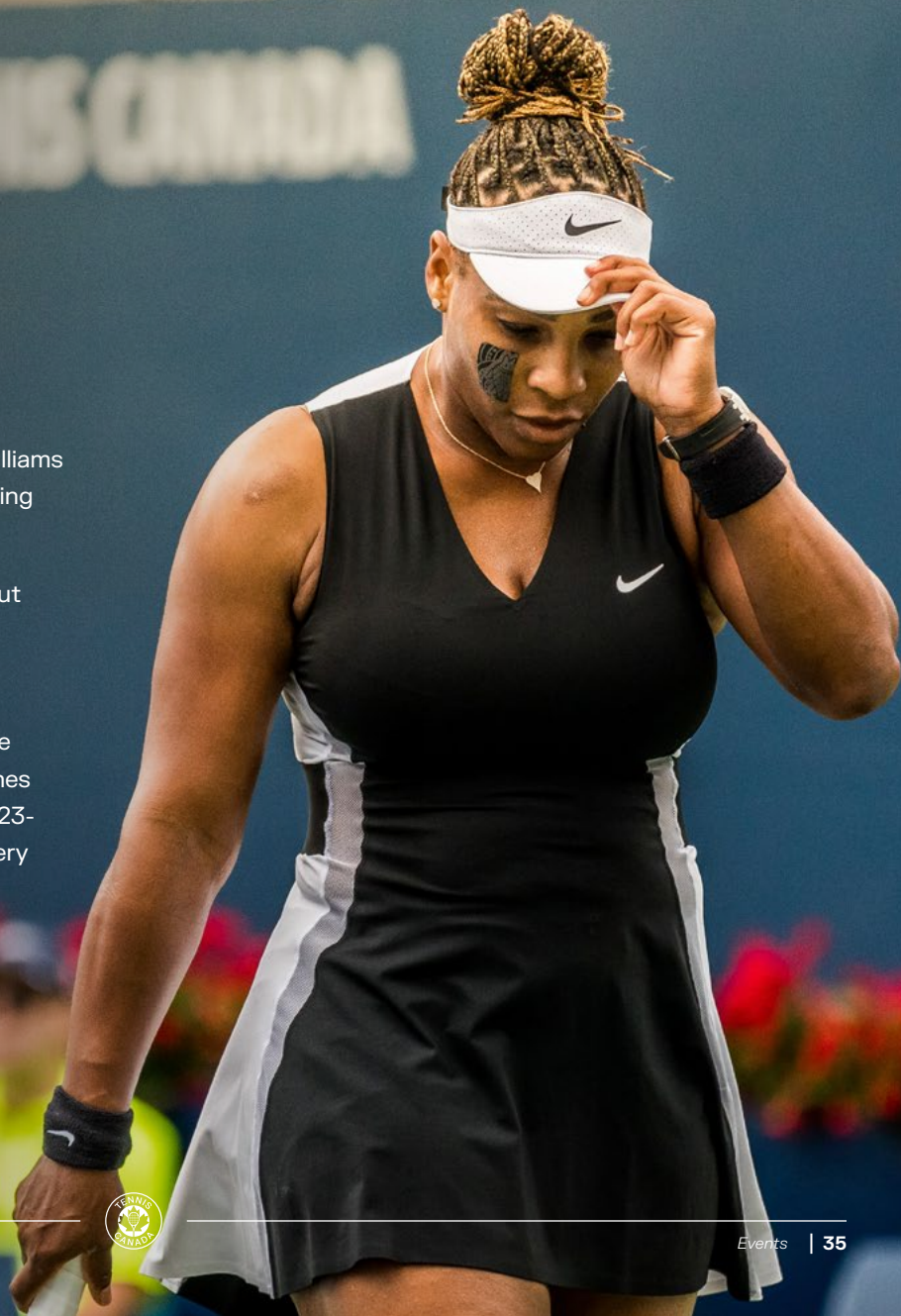
The 2022 edition of the National Bank Open presented by Rogers was one for the record books. The tournament, which was filled with magical moments, hit all-time highs in terms of attendance in both Toronto and Montreal. On the women's side in Toronto, Simona Halep won her third title at the event, battling past Brazil's Beatriz Haddad Maia by a score of 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. The men's event in Montreal crowned a new champion, Pablo Carreno Busta of Spain, after a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 win over Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.

Doubles winners: Americans Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula (WTA), and Wesley Koolhof of the Netherlands and Neal Skupski of Great Britain (ATP)

## Salute to Serena

Three-time National Bank Open champion Serena Williams made her return to Canada, using her protected ranking to enter just her second event of 2022.

Williams' presence was exciting enough on its own, but on the eve of the tournament she sent shockwaves through the entire sporting world by announcing her intention to transition away from tennis after the upcoming US Open, which suddenly shifted the entire tone of her appearance in Toronto. Both of her matches were sell-outs, and the Toronto crowd showered the 23-time Grand Slam champion with love and support every second she was on court.





## TORONTO

# 143,516

spectators made their way to Sobeys Stadium, setting a new record for a WTA event in Toronto



# 18

of the Top 20 singles players in the world competed at the event



# 6

former champions – Serena Williams, Petra Kvitova, Belinda Bencic, Simona Halep, Bianca Andreescu, and Camila Giorgi – were looking to add to their win total



# 9

Canadians played in the main draw



# 9,500

A sold-out crowd (9,500 fans) witnessed Serena Williams' final match on Canadian soil



## MONTREAL

# 237,733

fans came on-site at IGA Stadium, setting a new record in Montreal

# 16

of the Top 20 singles players in the world competed at the event

# 2

former champions – Andy Murray and Daniil Medvedev – were looking to add to their win total

# 6

Canadians played in the main draw



Apart from the National Bank Open, 2022 was an exciting year for tennis in Canada, with a full slate of domestic events returning to the WTA, ATP, and ITF Tours.

**1**   
**Granby National Bank Championships**

**1**   
**Odlum Brown VanOpen**

**5**   
**ATP Challengers**

Winnipeg National Bank Challenger  
 Odlum Brown VanOpen  
 Granby National Bank Championships  
 Calgary National Bank Challenger  
 Drummondville National Bank Challenger

**6**   
**ITF Events**

W60 Saguenay National Bank Challenger  
 W60 Tevlin Challenger  
 W60 Calgary National Bank Challenger  
 W25 Saskatoon Challenger  
 W25 Graystone ITF Challenger driven by Volvo  
 M25 Saint-Augustin

**18**  
**ITF Juniors Events**



**9**  
**ITF Masters Tennis Events**  
 (formerly Seniors Tennis)



**5**  
**ITF Wheelchair Tennis Events**



## Key Highlights

- The Granby National Bank Championships was upgraded to a WTA 250 for the women's event.
- The Tevlin Challenger had an all-women crew of officials throughout the week, and all on-court staff for the tournament's championship match were female to support women & girls initiatives at Tennis Canada.



***PARTNERSHIPS***

Tennis Canada is coming off a record-breaking year in 2022 for corporate partnerships. With the National Bank Open presented by Rogers finally returning to full capacity for the first time since 2019, the organization signed a record 15 new partners that joined our incredible list of existing partners to create an outstanding fan experience on our tournament sites in Montreal and Toronto.

Notwithstanding this record year for the National Bank Open, there were also many highlights that stemmed from the collaboration between Tennis Canada and its sponsors.

## National Bank Play Your Court Program

Tennis Canada joined forces with National Bank to officially launch the National Bank Play Your Court Program, which aims to make tennis more accessible to all Canadians by revitalizing outdoor community tennis courts. Funded by the National Bank, the initiative provides \$3 million to revitalize more than 100 courts by 2030. The first four courts to be revitalized through this program are located at Morris Kerbel Park in Brampton, Ontario.



## Year-Round Community Tennis Courts Program Presented by Rogers

Making tennis courts across the country more accessible to Canadians is among Tennis Canada's top priorities for the coming years, and the organization was very proactive in that regard in 2022. It announced the first four projects launched as part of the Year-Round Community Tennis Courts Program presented by Rogers. The cities of Markham (ON), Ancaster (ON) and Calgary (AB) recently inaugurated their new public indoor tennis facilities, and work is currently underway in Waterloo (QC) on courts that are expected to open during the 2023-2024 season.



## Unveiling of Sobeys Stadium in Toronto



Empire and Tennis Canada were thrilled to announce an exciting expansion of their partnership, unveiling Sobeys Stadium in Toronto. Hosting one of the top tennis tournaments in the world, the National Bank Open presented by Rogers, the newly named Sobeys Stadium is a multipurpose sports and entertainment complex, spread over 15 acres and located in York, just north of Toronto.

A natural extension of Sobeys commitment to the powerful connection between food, family and sport, this partnership with Tennis Canada will celebrate Canada's top tennis athletes and create local child and youth tennis programming for years to come. Sobeys will also continue to collaborate on new grassroots programs to support the growth of tennis in Canada and create more opportunities for families to connect on the court.

## Team Canada Presented by Sobeys Wins the Davis Cup

In November, Team Canada presented by Sobeys defeated Australia 2-0 in the championship tie of the 2022 Davis Cup Finals to clinch the nation's first title at the prestigious international event, ending the country's 109-year wait. Playing out of the Palacio de Deportes Jose Maria Martin Carpena in Malaga, Spain, Félix Auger-Aliassime (Montréal, QC), Denis Shapovalov (Richmond Hill, ON), Vasek Pospisil (Vernon, BC), Alexis Galarneau (Laval, QC), Gabriel Diallo (Montréal, QC), and Team Captain Frank Dancevic (Niagara Falls, ON) had a week to remember, ousting both Germany and Italy in tight 2-1 ties before sweeping Australia in the finals.





## Thank you for Giving Canada the Advantage

We are incredibly grateful to our donor community for supporting Tennis Canada's mission and deepening their engagement through philanthropy.

Tennis in Canada is a global headline and our vision to be a world-leading tennis nation is being realized. Our historic Davis Cup win is a product of a lot of hard work but also the contributions of many incredible supporters who have helped escalate our success on the world stage.

Last year, more than 2,400 donors contributed over \$3M to support our High-Performance pipeline as well as our community participation programming.

### Key Highlights

Thank you for your overwhelming response to our Advantage Canada campaign, which celebrated our national pride by focusing on characteristics that give Canada the advantage; and supporting our champions and rising stars to keep the advantage where it belongs, in Canada. Big thanks must go to **Bianca Andreescu** who matched every donation on Giving Tuesday. We exceeded our fundraising goal and got more racquets in kids' hands.

Thank you for rallying together and supporting a Ukrainian tennis family settle in Quebec. Daughter Katya is a promising tennis player, training at the National Training Centre presented by Rogers in Montreal and making her presence known on the Canadian junior tennis circuit, already picking up titles at events.

**Thank you to George Fischer and The Green Fischer Family Trust** who have made a remarkable \$2M pledge to Tennis Canada's Participation and Partnership program, making this the single-largest gift in Tennis Canada history. More to come on this in 2023!

Thank you and welcome our new Lifetime Legends, a group of generous donors whose cumulative giving has exceeded \$100,000.

- **John and Roseann Beddington**
- **Tony and Moira Cohen**
- **Francois Godbout**
- **Tom and Cara Nicolopoulos**

*“ I am extremely proud of the momentum that Tennis Canada has gained and how our donor community has responded to the challenges and successes of the past year. Most notably, it was a year full of milestone successes. As we prepare for future growth and development, we have our new strategic vision to lead us. This will guide us to continued success and our new far-reaching ambitions. Let's take a moment to celebrate our collective successes of the past year. It is evident that together we can make our ambitions a reality. ”*

– **Michael Downey**



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## **MEN**

Player of the Year

**Félix Auger-Aliassime**

Singles Player of the Year

**Félix Auger-Aliassime**

Doubles Player of the Year

**Denis Shapovalov**

Most Improved Player

**Gabriel Diallo**



## **JUNIORS**

Outstanding Junior Male

**Jaden Weekes**

Outstanding Junior Female

**Victoria Mboko**



## **WOMEN**

Player of the Year

**Leylah Annie Fernandez**

Singles Player of the Year

**Leylah Annie Fernandez**

Doubles Player of the Year

**Gabriela Dabrowski**

Most Improved Player

**Rebecca Marino**



## **WHEELCHAIR TENNIS**

Player of the Year

**Rob Shaw**

Most Improved Player

**Mitch McIntyre**

## TPA Awards

Coaching Excellence

**Eddie Miron (ON)**

Club Professional Excellence

**Nick Couttis (AB)**

Course Facilitator Excellence

**Craig Mercer (BC)**

TPA Service of the Game

**Brian Hall (PEI)**

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**Philippe Courteau (QC)**

René Simpson-Collins Excellence in Female  
Coaching Scholarship

**Marijke Nel (NS)**

# 2022 Tennis Canada Distinguished Service Award Recipients



As the highest honour bestowed by Tennis Canada, the Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) are presented to members of the tennis family who have made an outstanding impact on the sport in this country. The 2022 DSA recipients are listed below:

**Cynthia  
Irvine**

**Phil  
Stoops**

**Vicky  
Robinson**

**Ari  
Novick**

**Harry  
Roettele**

**Ron  
Turenne**

**Arleigh  
Fysh**

**Jamie  
Grieve**

**Ron  
Moore**

**Réjean  
Genois**

**Jeffrey  
Spiers**

**Russ  
Sluchinski**

**Roger  
Skillings**

**Hollyburn  
Country Club**

**Anita  
Pushpanathan**

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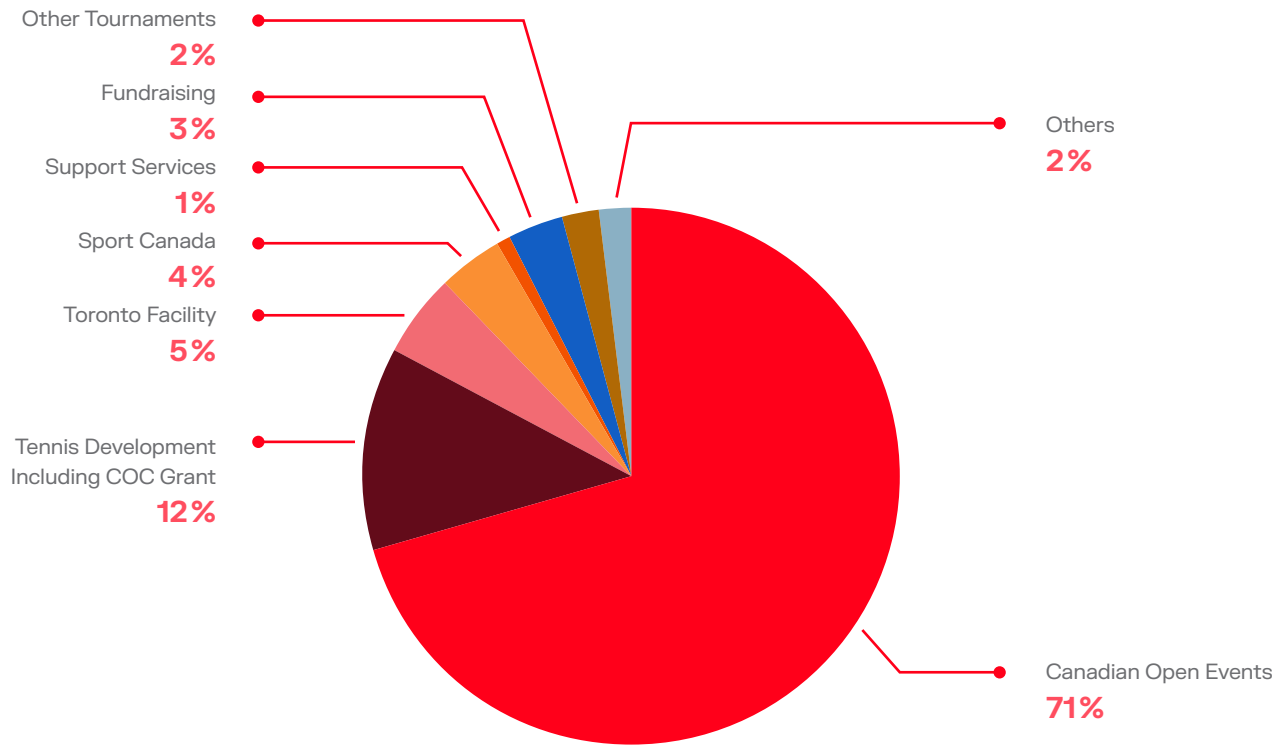
**Derrick  
Rowe**

**Coleman  
Bonny**

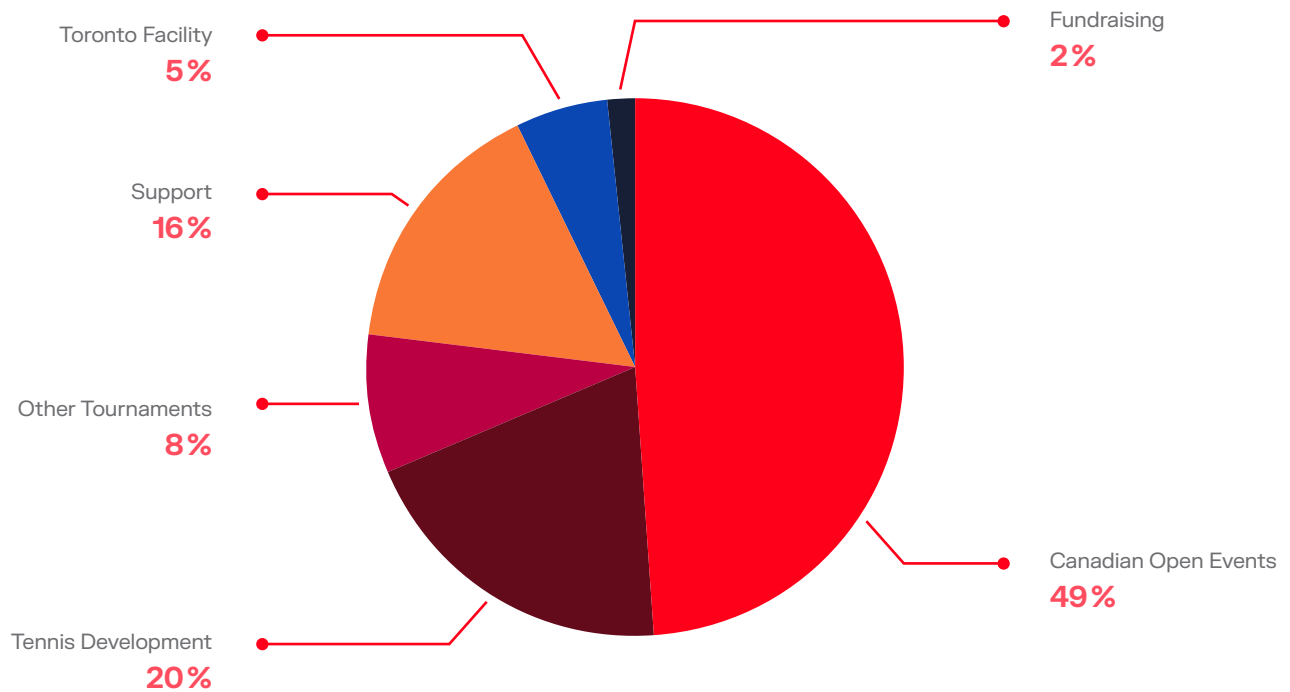


# ***FINANCIALS***

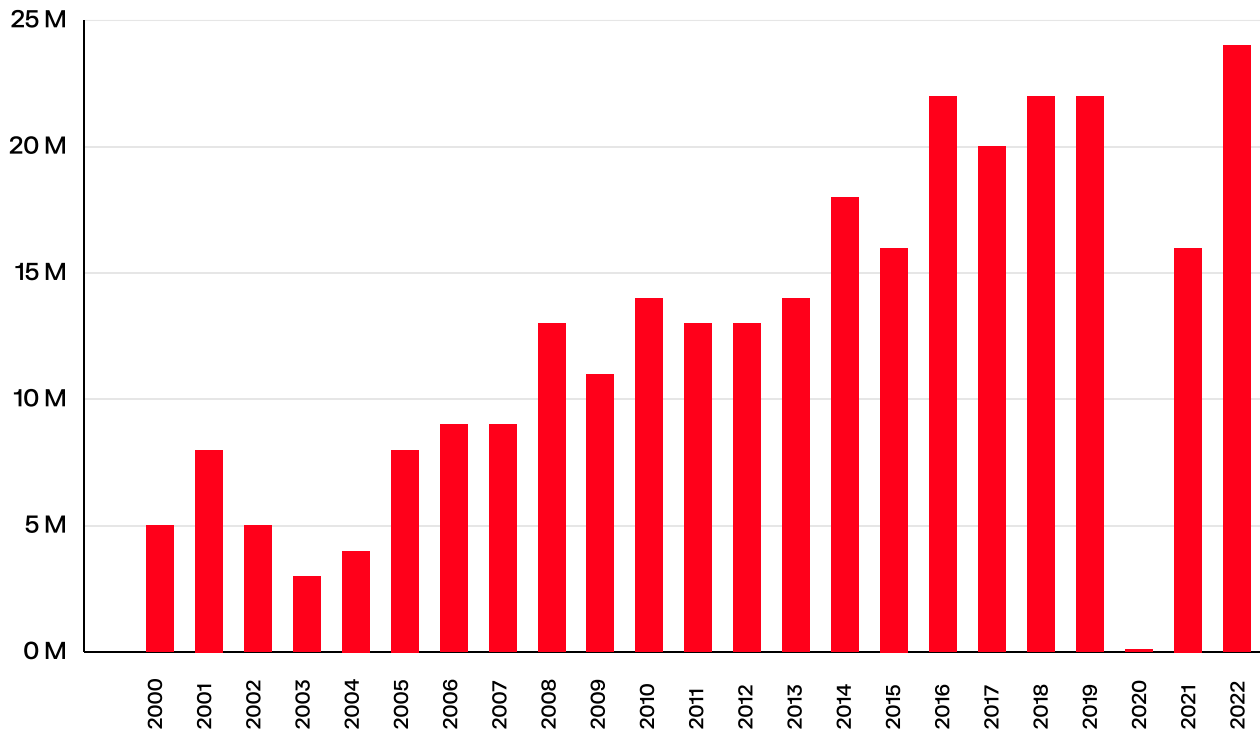
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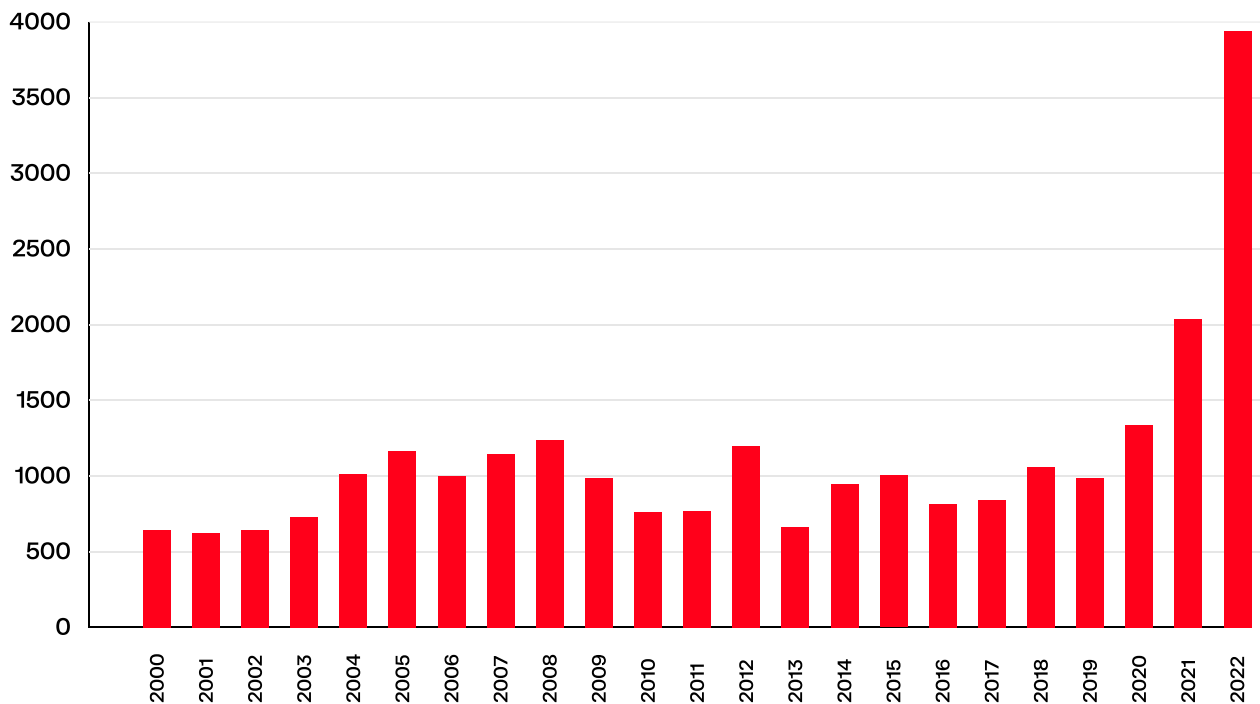
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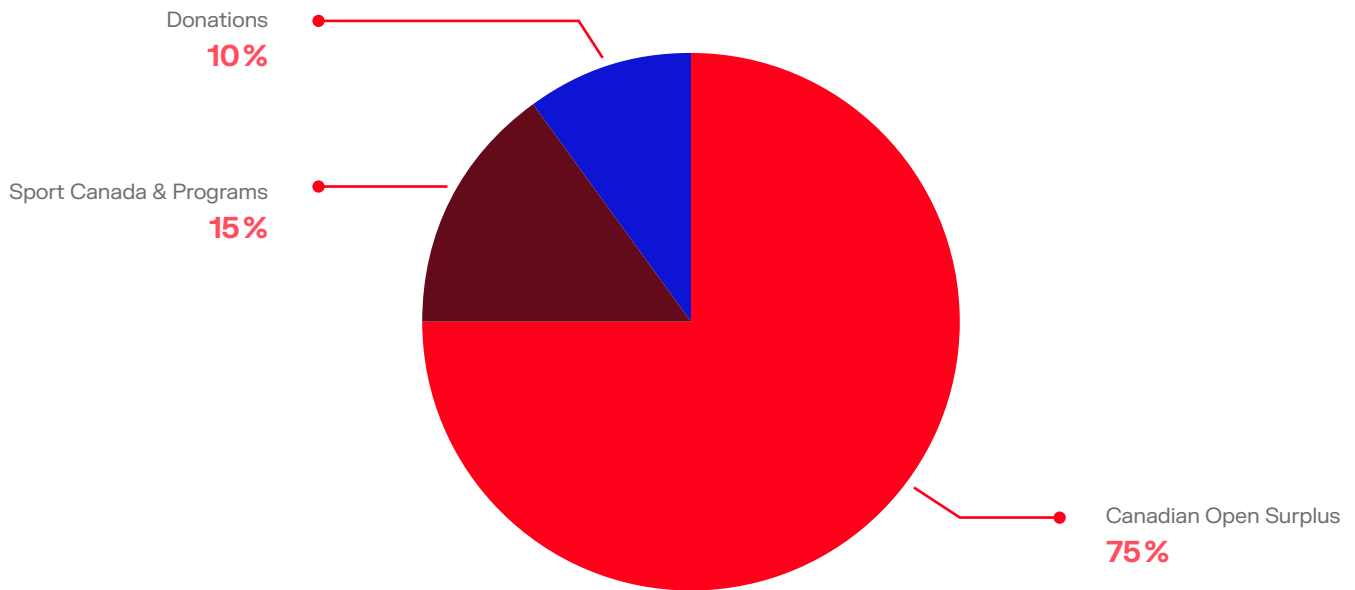
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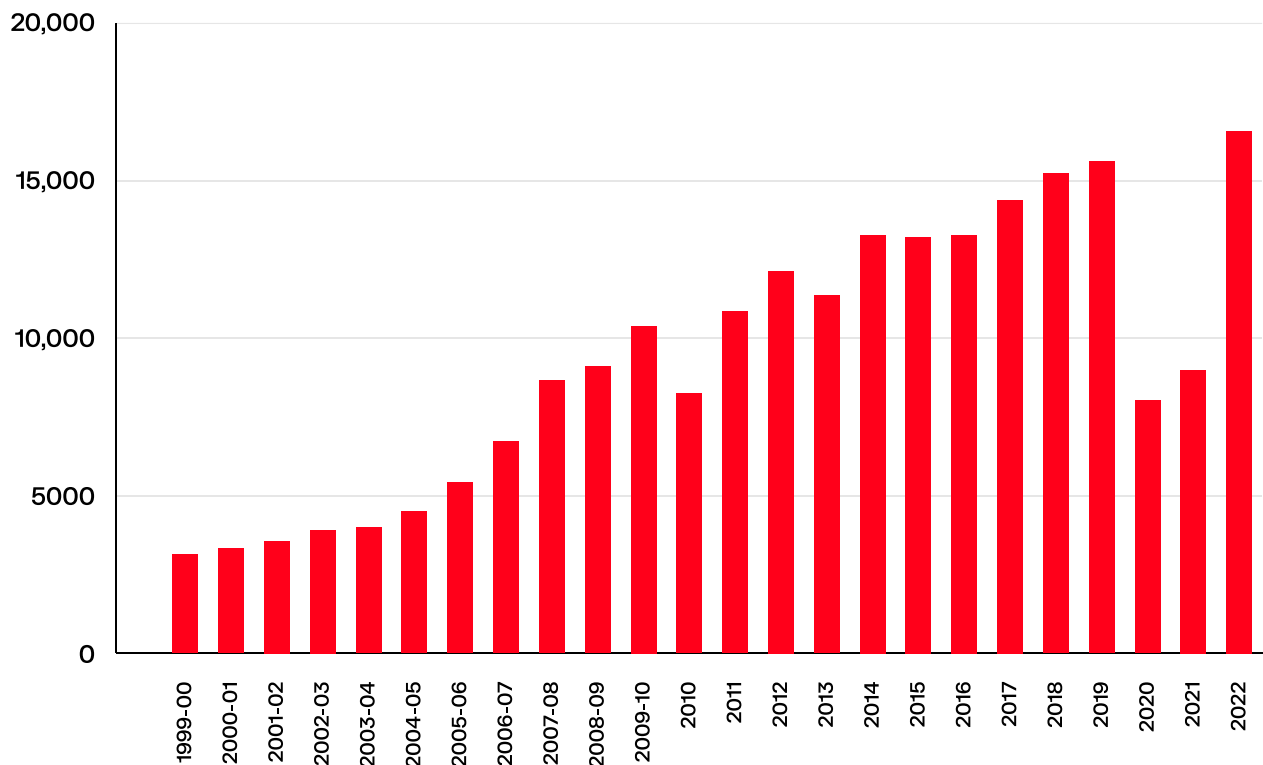
# Sport Canada Funding (in Thousands)



# Tennis Development Revenue



## Tennis Development and High Performance Spending (in Thousands)





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