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## **GABRIELA DABROWSKI CLAIMS US OPEN DOUBLES TITLE, BECOMES FIRST CANADIAN TO WIN GRAND SLAM WOMEN'S DOUBLES CROWN**

***No. 16 seeds Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe defeat No. 12 seeds Laura Siegemund and Vera Zvonareva***

**September 10, 2023, Toronto** - Gabriela Dabrowski (Ottawa, ON) made history on Sunday as she became the first Canadian to win a Grand Slam women's doubles title. The 31-year-old and her partner Erin Routliffe, who also grew up in Canada, beat Laura Siegemund of Germany and Vera Zvonareva 7-6(9), 6-3 in the final of the US Open in New York.

In securing the title, Dabrowski became Canada's first Grand Slam champion since Bianca Andreescu won the US Open singles title in 2019 and the first in doubles since Vasek Pospisil won Wimbledon in 2014. Dabrowski already had two Grand Slams to her name having claimed the 2017 French Open and 2018 Australian Open mixed doubles titles.

Dabrowski and Routliffe entered the US Open as the No. 16 seeds. They beat Lauren Davis of the United States and the Czech Republic's Anastasia Dețiuć 4-6, 6-1, 6-0 in the first round followed by Taiwan's Fang-Hsien Wu and China's Zhu Lin 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in the second. A walkover in the round of 16 saw them matched up with No. 6-seeded Canadian Leylah Annie Fernandez (Laval, QC) and the United States' Taylor Townsend in the quarter-final. Dabrowski and Routliffe emerged as 2-6, 6-3, 7-6(8) winners before overcoming No. 8 seeds Wang Xinyu of China and Taiwan's Hsieh Su-wei 6-1, 7-6(4) in the semis.

Their opponents in the final, Siegemund and Zvonareva, came into the tournament as the No. 12 seeds. Their path to the final included victories over the United States' Asia Muhammad and Caroline Dolehide in the first round, Belgium's Greet Minnen and Yanina Wickmayer in the second, the United States' Robin Montgomery and Clervie Ngounoue in the round of 16, Beatriz Haddad Maia of Brazil and Victoria Azarenka in the quarter-finals and the United States' Jennifer Brady and Brazil's Luisa Stefani in the semis.

Sunday's final on Arthur Ashe Stadium was a tight contest between two strong, experienced doubles teams. The first set saw Dabrowski and Routliffe save five break points, including four in the fifth game, on the way to a deciding tiebreak. They took an early 4-0 lead and, despite a rallying comeback from Siegemund and Zvonareva, saw out the breaker 11-9 to claim the first set. In the second, Dabrowski and Routliffe started quickly as they broke their opponents' serve at the first two times of asking. Siegemund and Zvonareva pegged them back with a break of their own, but Dabrowski and Routliffe remained in control and saw out the set with another break to win the match and the coveted trophy.

"Vera and Laura, you guys had an amazing tournament, congrats. You have won so many Slams together and you fought your heart out today," said Routliffe in her post-match, on-court speech. "Thanks to Gaby for playing with me. She really took a chance on me and I really appreciate it and love her for it. Obviously, I hope we can have many great results to come in the future. Our team up there, our box,



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were amazing. My coaches – Harry, Bruce, Neal, who is in Auckland, Dan - I cannot thank you enough. My family, a lot of them are here today, everyone watching us all over the world and just then a special mention to Richard Hough – I'd like to dedicate this to Sue. And my mom watching too.”

“First and foremost, thank you to Erin,” Dabrowski added as she addressed the crowd. “You took a chance on me too. It’s been a tough year for us both and I’m really, really proud of the way we’ve stood by each other through thick and thin the last two weeks. I think we improved a lot, even from the first tournament we played back in Montreal. So, I’m so grateful that we’ve been able to work together and also for our team, who has helped us. You guys are incredible. Thank you so much, Dan and Bruce, and also my other coaching team, Andrea, Pat, my Dad back home – you guys are the best supporters anyone could ask for and I love you very much. Thank you so much as well to my friends and family who have come in person and also who are watching. It means a lot. Thank you so much to everyone who came out and watched women’s doubles. We hope you really enjoyed and we hope you keep watching because we thought we put on a pretty good show.”

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