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## **KATHERINE SEBOV TRIUMPHS IN CHALLENGER BANQUE NATIONALE DE SAGUENAY FINAL**

**[MONTREAL, QC] October 23, 2023** — On Sunday, Toronto's Katherine Sebov was crowned champion at the Challenger Banque Nationale de Saguenay, defeating eighth-seeded Fanny Stollar of Hungary in the finals with a 6-4, 6-4 victory. Sebov has now won top honours in Saguenay for the second time in her career.

Sebov, who was the No. 1 seed in the draw, defeated Thailand's Natasha Sengphrachanh and three Canadians, Scarlett Nicholson, Victoria Mboko, and Isabelle Boulais, en route to the finals. She won all of her contests in straight sets and even posted a bagel in her semi-final match. Sebov's final opponent, Stollar, had a tougher path to the finals, winning three of her four victories in three sets, including a resilient comeback in the semi-finals against Arina Rodionova.

In the championship match, Sebov came out firing, breaking Stollar in the fifth and seventh games. Despite losing her serve in the eighth, Sebov managed to wrap up the opening set 6-4. The back-and-forth second was also won by a score of 6-4, but both Sebov and Stollar recorded one more break of serve to make things even tighter. Three of the final four games resulted in breaks of serve, but Sebov remained strong in her final service game of the match to seal the victory on her first match-point opportunity.

A victory in Saguenay gives Sebov her fourth ITF title – two of them being at a W60-level tournament. She joins Aleksandra Wozniak, Carol Zhao, and Rebecca Marino as the only Canadian women to win multiple ITF titles at a \$60,000 event or higher.

In the doubles final, the American duo of Robin Anderson and Dalayna Hewit took down Canadian Mia Kupres and her Danish partner Johanne Christine Svendsen by a score of 6-1, 6-4.

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