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LIAM DRAXL WINS CALGARY NATIONAL BANK CHALLENGER, STACEY FUNG DEFEATED IN FINALS

Canadians Juan Carlos Aguilar and Justin Boulais take home doubles title

[MONTREAL, QC] November 14, 2023 — On Sunday, in the finals of the Calgary National Bank Challenger, Liam Draxl of Newmarket, Ontario, defeated Germany's Dominik Koepfer in straight sets 6-4, 6-3 to claim his third singles title of the year. In the women's draw, Vancouver's Stacey Fung came close to completing the Canadian sweep but ultimately fell to Sabine Lisicki of Germany in the championship match.

In the men's final, the first set saw both players holding their serves until the 10th game, when Draxl converted the first break point to take the opening set. Draxl carried that momentum into the second set, breaking Koepfer's serve twice in the first four games to jump ahead 4-0. Though Koepfer then broke Draxl's serve to win his first game of the second set, it would not be enough to get within striking distance of the Canadian.

On the women's side, Lisicki defeated Fung 7-6(2), 6-7(5), 6-3 in the two-hour and 40-minute final. After Lisicki took the opening set, Fung managed to stay alive in the second, winning the tiebreak on her first set point opportunity. Fung and Lisicki exchanged breaks to kick off the decider, however, it was Lisicki who was able to pull away with the lead, holding two of her next three service games to love and breaking Fung on two more occasions.

In the doubles draw, the all-Canadian tandem of Justin Boulais and Juan Carlos Aguilar defeated the British team of Charles Broom and Ben Jones in the men's final by a score of 6-3, 6-2. Claiming the women's doubles title was Great Britain's Sarah Beth Grey and Eden Silva who took down the American/Serbian team of Hanna Chang and Katerina Jokic 6-4, 6-4.

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