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TENNIS CANADA'S NATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE PRESENTED BY ROGERS INTRODUCES ITS CLASS OF 2023–2024

11 students are part of the class, including six new members

[MONTREAL, QC] February 20, 2024 — Tennis Canada is pleased to announce the group of athletes who are studying at the National Tennis Centre presented by Rogers (NTC) throughout the 2023-2024 season. This talented class of 11 includes five second-year students and six new members. Since the NTC's inception in 2007, the total number of athletes who have trained at the Centre now exceeds 60.

"We are extremely excited about the outstanding class of junior athletes who have joined the NTC this season," said Guillaume Marx, Head of Performance at Tennis Canada. "They have shown an exceptional level of commitment, dedication and skill, and we are thrilled be able to work with this great group of players and participate in their development."

Surrounded by some of the best staff and coaches in the sport, the NTC provides its students with unparalleled opportunities to grow and develop their talents. Marx continues to oversee the NTC and Tennis Canada's high-performance programs. Noëlle van Lottum, who joined the organization in 2023, leads the women's pro and transition program and works closely with Martin Laurendeau, the director of the men's transition program. Frank Dancevic, who also captain's the Canadian Davis Cup team, is the head coach of the NTC, alongside his colleagues Sandric Barrere and Rodrigo Alvarez.

Class of 2023-2024

The NTC family grew significantly this year with the arrival of six new members – Anastasia Malysheva (ON), Andrea Taylor (ON), Andy Tchinda (QC), Caden Colburne (NS), Joshua Adamson (ON), and Miko Lapalme (QC). They join NTC sophomores Adam Farag Cao (AB), Addison Comiskey (ON), Emma Dong (BC), Finn Muller (ON), and Keegan Rice (SK) to form the biggest class in NTC history, matching the group of 11 students in 2013-2014.

Rice has already played in four junior Grand Slam events, and most recently reached the quarter-finals in doubles at the Australian Open. He won his biggest title to date in 2023, at the J200 event in Villach, Austria. Also winning ITF junior titles in 2023 were Dong (J100 Bruchköbel), Farag Cao (J100 Quebec City, J30 Kamloops, J30 Burnaby), Lapalme (J100 Quebec City, J60 Langley, J30 Woodbridge), and Taylor (J30 Halifax).

In 2024, the NTC students will continue to compete and gain experience on the junior and professional circuits. The first Canadian ITF junior event – the J200 Woodbridge – is scheduled to take place from April 7 to 13. Prior to this, most of the NTC athletes are set to compete at the Fischer Indoor National Championships in March and April.

The NTC by numbers since its inauguration

- 64 players trained at the NTC (including current players)



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- 14 athletes play or played on a professional tour
- 26 athletes earned a degree from an American university
- 7 players currently compete on the NCAA college tennis circuit
- 1,000 training hours annually
- Over 600 hours of academic studies annually

To learn more about the National Tennis Centre presented by Rogers, click [here](#).

About Tennis Canada

Founded in 1890, Tennis Canada is a non-profit, national sport association with a mission to lead the growth, development and promotion of tennis in Canada and a vision to be a world-leading tennis nation. We value teamwork, passion, integrity, innovation and excellence. Tennis Canada owns and operates the premier National Bank Open presented by Rogers WTA and ATP Tour events, four professional ATP and ITF sanctioned events and financially supports four other professional tournaments in Canada. Tennis Canada operates junior national training centres/programs in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. Tennis Canada is a proud member of the International Tennis Federation, the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and serves to administer, sponsor and select the teams for Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, the Olympic and Paralympic Games and all wheelchair, junior and Masters national teams. Tennis Canada invests its surplus into tennis development. For more information on Tennis Canada please visit our Web site at: www.tenniscanada.com and follow us on Facebook and X.

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