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## **FIVE CANADIANS PART OF ROLAND-GARROS MAIN DRAW; BIANCA ANDREESCU TO MAKE HIGHLY-ANTICIPATED RETURN**

**[TORONTO, ON] May 23, 2024** – The official draw for the 2024 French Open was held today in Paris, France with five Canadians set to take the courts at the second Grand Slam of the season. Félix Auger-Aliassime (Montreal, QC), Leylah Annie Fernandez (Laval, QC), Denis Shapovalov (Richmond Hill, ON), and Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON) are the Canadians competing in the singles main draw, and Rob Shaw (North Bay, ON) received a wildcard spot for the 8-player quad draw. Gabriel Diallo (Montreal, QC) and Marina Stakusic (Mississauga, ON) are playing in the third round of qualifying today and tomorrow with a chance to clinch their first Grand Slam main-draw appearances.

On the men's side, World No. 21 Auger-Aliassime has recently hit his stride, making it to his first ATP 1000-level final at the Mutua Madrid Open, where he fell to world No. 6 Audrey Rublev. He'll look to find similar footing on clay next week, where he will face Yoshihito Nishioka of Japan in the opening round. The Montrealer returns to the French Open for the fifth time, potentially encountering American Ben Shelton (No. 15), Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz (No. 3), Jannik Sinner (No. 2) of Italy on his path to the final.

As for Shapovalov, the 25-year-old is set to face Luca Van Assche of France in the first round. He will take on the clay-courts in the French capital for the sixth time, looking to improve on his best result of reaching the third-round last year, where he fell to the then world No. 1, Carlos Alcaraz. To progress beyond the third round, he'll need to win potential matchups against American Frances Tiafoe (No. 26) and 8<sup>th</sup> seeded Hubert Hurkacz of Poland.

To view the men's singles draw, click [here](#).

On the women's side, Fernandez returns to Roland-Garros for the fifth time and will face off against Jessika Ponchet of France in the first round. The world No. 33 on the WTA Tour accomplished her best result at the French Open in 2022 when she reached the quarterfinals. This year, on her path to the finals, Fernandez could face world No. 8 Ons Jabeur of Tunisia in the third round, American Coco Gauff (No. 3) in the quarterfinals, and tournament favourite, world No. 1 Iga Swiatek, in the semi-finals.

Andreescu's much-anticipated return to the court begins with meeting Sara Sorribes Tormo of Spain in the first round and could face world No. 25 Anna Kalinskaya in round two. After going nine months without playing a professional match, the 23-year-old will be looking to get back into the swing of things next week. Outside of Flushing Meadows, the 2019 US Open champion has enjoyed some of her Grand Slam success at Roland-Garros, reaching the third round of the prestigious clay-court event last year.

To view the full women's singles draw, click [here](#).

In doubles, Shapovalov teams up with Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis on the men's side, while Fernandez and Erin Routliffe of New Zealand take on the women's doubles draw.



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Moreover, Shaw will play in both quad draws, teaming up with David Wagner of the United States in doubles. The North Bay native will compete from June 4 to 8, having made his French Open debut just last year where he reached his second quad wheelchair doubles Grand Slam final.

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