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## **CANADIANS NADIA LAGAEV AND EMMA DONG GEAR UP FOR REPENTIGNY NATIONAL BANK JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*The country's top junior tournament will also feature five Top 10 players*

**[MONTREAL, QC] August 20, 2024** – Preparations are underway for the Repentigny National Bank Junior Tennis Championships (ITJR), as Tennis Canada today announced the list of players who will take part in the event held at Parc Larochelle in Repentigny, Quebec. Running from August 25 to 31, the J300 tournament is Canada's highest-graded junior event on the ITF World Tennis Tour. It has welcomed some of tennis' most renowned players over the years, including former champions Britain's Andy Murray, Iga Swiatek of Poland, and Canadian Bianca Andreescu.

"August is always a fun one in our tennis calendar, seeing the top professionals at the National Bank Open presented by Rogers to start the month and then the best young prospects in the world in Repentigny to close it out," said ITJR tournament director Francis Milloy. "Once again this year, the player field is quite strong, with many of the top junior players poised to take to the courts at Parc Larochelle, as well as a number of Canadians in both the main draws and the qualifying draws."

In the girls' draw, 15-year-old Hannah Klugman of Great Britain will be the tournament's top seed. Despite her young age, she has been playing professionally in addition to junior competitions since last year and even reached the third round of qualifying at this year's Wimbledon with wins over Croatia's Petra Marcinko and Czechia's Linda Fruhvirtova. Klugman, No. 9 in the world junior rankings, will be joined by fellow Top 20 players Wakana Sonobe of Japan (No. 10), compatriot Mingge Xu (No. 11), and American Kristina Penickova (No. 12).

Holland's Mees Rottgering, world No. 6 in juniors, leads the boys' player field in Repentigny. He finished runner-up at this year's Wimbledon junior event, besting the likes of Australian Hayden Jones and Frenchman Theo Papamalamis, who are seeded No. 3 and No. 4 in Repentigny respectively. Rottgering also recently reached the semi-finals of an ITF M25 tournament in Wetzlar, Germany. Maxim Mrva of Czechia, who won a J500 event earlier this season in Offenbach, Germany, will be the tournament's No. 2 seed.

Additionally, Canadians Nadia Lagaev and Emma Dong will be competing in the girls' main draw. Lagaev, who was named Tennis Canada's Junior Player of the Year in 2023, is currently the top-ranked Canadian in juniors. Last season, she won two J100 events and has already surpassed her result this season by winning a J200 event in Woodbridge, Ontario. British Columbia's Dong, who trains out of the National Tennis Centre presented by Rogers in Montreal, will be making her debut at the ITJR. She's enjoying a terrific 2024 season, having won three J100 events, all in a row.

Lagaev and Dong won't be the only Canadians in action in Repentigny, as 14 other players from across the country will be participating in the qualifying rounds of the boys' and girls' draws. To view the full player list, please click [here](#).



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Tennis enthusiasts and sports fans are invited to come down to the Parc Larochelle to watch the spectacular display of skill and passion at the Repentigny National Bank Junior Tennis Championships. Admission is free!

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