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## **KAYLA CROSS TRIUMPHS IN SASKATOON TO WIN FIRST PROFESSIONAL SINGLES TITLE**

*Mia Kupres finished runner-up in singles and champion in doubles alongside Ariana Arseneault*

**[MONTREAL, QC] August 25, 2024** – On Sunday, Kayla Cross (London, ON) claimed the ITF W35 tournament in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, defeating Mia Kupres (Edmonton, AB) in the all-Canadian final. The 19-year-old champion, who was the No. 3 seed, secured her first professional singles title with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory.

Throughout the week in Saskatoon, Cross eliminated five Canadians: Nadia Lagaev, Emma Dong, Ariana Arseneault and Stacey Fung, before triumphing over Kupres in the final. Prior to the championship match, she bested all her opponents in two sets, even scoring a bagel in the second round. She even got the better of top-seeded Stacey Fung in the semi-finals, conceding just three games. In the finals, Cross came back from losing the opening set to claim the title. This victory comes on the heels of her great performance in Granby, Quebec, where she reached the championship match of the ITF W75 tournament – her first professional final.

Kupres did not leave Saskatoon empty-handed, as she joined forces with compatriot Ariana Arseneault to capture the doubles trophy without dropping a single set. Favourites in the event, they first dominated Americans Kolie Allen and Brandy Walker 6-0, 6-1, then defeated Canadians Catherine Gagnon and Alexia Jacobs 7-6(5), 6-4, before taking on the second seeds, Japan's Hiroko Kuwata and American Maribella Zamarripa, in the final 6-4, 6-3. This summer, the Kupres and Arseneault were also crowned champions in Granby, before reaching the quarter-finals of the National Bank Open presented by Rogers in Toronto.

To view the results in Saskatoon, click [here](#).

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