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RECORD BREAKING 407 ETR FAMILY WEEKEND AT THE NATIONAL BANK OPEN PRESENTED BY ROGERS IN TORONTO

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[TORONTO, ON] Monday, August 5, 2024 – The National Bank Open presented by Rogers broke an all-time attendance record during its annual 407 ETR Family Weekend by welcoming over 34,000 fans to the grounds of Sobeys Stadium, beating the previous record of 31,935 set last year. Taking place on Sunday, August 4, and Monday, August 5, fans enjoyed qualifying matches and a host of fun activities onsite.

"We're so proud to break our attendance record for the 407 ETR Family Weekend," said Karl Hale, Tournament Director of the NBO Toronto. "We do a fantastic job of building on the fan experience year over year. Family Weekend is also a great opportunity to introduce more fans to the sport and give them the opportunity to catch their favourite players in practice. We'd like to thank all our partners who activated to make this a special couple of days."

Many of the WTA Tour's top players could be spotted at various activities around the grounds. Canadians Bianca Andreescu and Marina Stakusic took part in yoga and dog therapy sessions respectively as part of the [Mental Timeout](#) initiative supported by Beneva. Meanwhile, fellow Canadian Rebecca Marino led a Cashmere tennis clinic with first-time junior players, and a ball hockey game took place on Court 1 between players from the PWHL Toronto and the WTA Tour's Caroline Dolehide, Victoria Azarenka, Maria Bouzkova, Daria Kasatkina, Jelena Ostapenko and Shelby Rogers.

Tennis Canada's Fan Zone featured an all-new NBO photobooth and tennis simulator, along with the return of the Rogers Ball Crew Challenge, Rogers First Set Tennis, Har-Tru Knock 'em Down Challenge and 407 ETR Fastest Serve Cage, which was visited by Emma Navarro and Sloane Stephens. A new "Meet the Players" space outside the Players' Lounge also ensured fans had the chance to get autographs and photos with the likes of top-ranked Canadian Leylah Annie Fernandez, Olympic bronze medallist Gabriela Dabrowski and Ons Jabeur as they passed through.

With main draw action commencing tomorrow, fans can catch enticing first-round matches including:

- **Bianca Andreescu vs. Lesia Tsurenko** – Tuesday, August 6's night session
- **Naomi Osaka vs. Ons Jabeur** – Wednesday, August 7's day session
- **Leylah Annie Fernandez vs. Zhang Shuai** – Wednesday, August 7's night session
- **Coco Gauff vs. Yafan Wang or Sofia Kenin** – Thursday, August 8's day session
- **Aryna Sabalenka vs. Cristina Bucsa or Yuan Yue** – Thursday, August 8's night session

To purchase tickets, click [here](#).

TOP SEEDS ADVANCE INTO MAIN DRAW FROM QUALIFYING

The 32-player qualifying draw was headlined by top seeds Katie Volynets of the United States and Moyuka Uchijima of Japan, who both advance to the main draw after winning both of their matches.

Although knocked out in the second round, Canada's Stacey Fung overcame top 100 player Jule Niemeier in the first round of qualifying on Sunday after receiving a wild card earned by winning the pre-qualifying tournament hosted last week. Carol Zhao of Canada also triumphed in the first round of qualifying against Kristina Mladenovic of France, 7-5, 6-1 before losing in round two.

About the National Bank Open presented by Rogers



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The National Bank Open presented by Rogers is a Tennis Canada owned and operated world-class tournament celebrating over 130 years of the women's event from August 4-12 at Sobeys Stadium in Toronto and over 140 years of the men's event from August 3-12 at IGA Stadium in Montreal. As a Hologic WTA 1000 and ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament, the National Bank Open presented by Rogers will showcase the world's best players. The National Bank Open presented by Rogers is the third-oldest title in tennis, behind only Wimbledon and the US Open. For more information and tickets visit www.nationalbankopen.com.

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