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## **PLAYER LIST REVEALED FOR THE 2024 CALGARY NATIONAL BANK CHALLENGER**

*Germany's Tatjana Maria and American J.J. Wolf headline strong player field*

**[MONTREAL, QC] October 1, 2024** – The player list for the Calgary National Bank Challenger was unveiled on Tuesday in Calgary, Alberta. The tournament features an ITF W75+H event and an ATP Challenger (Category 75), making it the largest men's and women's professional indoor tennis tournament in Canada. It will be held at the OSTEN & VICTOR Alberta Tennis Centre from October 13 to 20, 2024.

"There's no better way to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Calgary National Bank Challenger than to announce a line-up filled with talented and exciting players," said Ryan Borczon, Tennis Canada's Director of Professional Events. "Since the first edition of the tournament, the team in Calgary has done a remarkable job of attracting top international and Canadian players, and we look forward to getting things underway in just a few weeks."

On the women's side, Tatjana Maria of Germany leads the way as the tournament top seed. The world No. 85 and former Wimbledon semi-finalist is still in search of her first title in 2024, having already reached three finals this season. Canada's Rebecca Marino, ranked 133<sup>rd</sup> in the world, will take part in the Calgary tournament for the first time and will be seeded No. 2. The 33-year-old Vancouverite is in great form, having won two ITF W100 events this year, the biggest titles of her career. Marino's compatriot Carol Zhao, who recently reached the second round of the Korea Open – a WTA 500 event – will also be in the main draw.

Headlining the men's draw as the No.1 seed is American J.J. Wolf. Ranked as high as 39<sup>th</sup> in the world in 2023 following a fourth-round appearance at the Australian Open, Wolf is hoping to end his season on the right foot and return into the Top 150. Another former Top 50 player, Australian Bernard Tomic (No. 17 in 2016), will be competing in the main draw as the fifth seed. Canadian fans will have the opportunity to cheer on home-grown talent, as Alexis Galarnau, ranked 255<sup>th</sup> in the world, and Liam Draxl, No. 258 and the tournament's defending champion, are set to take to the courts in Calgary.

Canadians Stacey Fung, Carson Branstine, Victoria Mboko, Kayla Cross, as well as Justin Boulais, Dan Martin and Vasek Pospisil will take part in the qualifying rounds and battle it out for a place in their respective main draws.

For a complete entry list for the Calgary National Bank Challenger, click [here](#).

Tennis fans across Canada will be able to watch the event on CBC Sports' YouTube page from October 14 to 19. The men's and women's singles finals will be available on CBC Gem on October 20.

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