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## **REBECCA MARINO CAPTURES CALGARY NATIONAL BANK CHALLENGER TITLE**

*In Kazakhstan, Gabriel Diallo reaches his first ATP final at the Almaty Open*

**[MONTREAL, QC] October 20, 2024** – On Sunday, Rebecca Marino of Vancouver, British Columbia clinched her third title of the season, defeating American Anna Rogers 7-5, 6-4 in the Calgary National Bank Challenger final. On the men's side, Murphy Casson of the United States emerged victorious with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over fellow American Govind Nanda.

Marino, who was taking part in the event at the OSTEN & VICTOR Alberta Tennis Centre for the first time in her career, was near perfect throughout the week, dropping just one set in her semi-final bout against Canadian Cadence Brace (No. 390). In the final, Marino broke her opponent on six occasions, winning the match in just over an hour and 30 minutes. With this win, Marino draws ever closer to the Top 100 and will be No. 118 in the world when the rankings are updated on Monday.

On the ATP Challenger side, qualifier Cassone, who is ranked 509<sup>th</sup> in the world, had a memorable week in Calgary, defeating three of the tournament's top seeds en route to the biggest title of his career. One of his victories came against Laval, Quebec's Alexis Galarnau (No. 250), in an exciting quarter-final, where he won 6-7(7), 7-6(2), 7-6(4).

In the doubles draw, London, Ontario's Kayla Cross and her American partner Maribella Zamarripa took home the crown with a 6-7(3), 7-5, 12-10 victory against the all-USA duo of Robin Anderson and Dalayna Hewitt. The red, white and blue continued their fine form in Calgary, with the men's doubles final featuring four Americans. In the end, it was Ryan Seggerman and Patrik Trhac who prevailed 6-3, 7-6(3) over Robert Cash and James Tracy.

### **Gabriel Diallo runner-up at Almaty Open**

At the ATP 250 event in Almaty, Kazakhstan, Gabriel Diallo of Montreal, Quebec fell to world No. 26 Karen Khachanov in a thrilling final by a score of 6-2, 5-7, 6-3. In what was Diallo's maiden ATP final, the 6'7" Montrealer hit 21 winners, including seven aces, and saved 13 of 19 break points. Despite the loss, Diallo's fantastic week earned him enough points to enter the Top 100 for the first time in his career and as a result, he is now the second-highest-ranked Canadian on the men's circuit.

Diallo finished the week with wins over Australian Christopher O'Connell (No. 72), Croatia's Borna Coric (No. 96), Alejandro Tabilo of Chile (No. 23), and Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo (No. 31).

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