



**SOBEYS STADIUM**  
1 Shoreham Dr, Suite 100  
Toronto ON M3N 3A6  
T. 416.665.9777

**STADE IGA**  
285, rue Gary-Carter  
Montréal QC H2R 2W1  
T. 514.273.1234

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# **GABRIEL DIALLO CLAIMS FIRST ATP TOUR TITLE AT LIBEMA OPEN**

*The Canadian will make his Top 50 debut on Monday*

**[TORONTO, ON] June 15, 2025** – Canada's Gabriel Diallo (Montreal, QC) claimed his first ATP Tour title, defeating Belgium's Zizou Bergs 7-5, 7-6(8) in the final of the 250-level Libema Open on Sunday. He becomes the fourth Canadian to win an ATP singles crown this century, joining Milos Raonic (Thornhill, ON), Félix Auger-Aliassime (Montreal, QC), and Denis Shapovalov (Richmond Hill, ON).

Playing in his second ATP Tour final after finishing as runner-up at the 2024 Almaty Open, Diallo's run included wins over three Top 50 players: Australia's Jordan Thompson (No. 37), Karen Khachanov (No. 24), and Frenchman Ugo Humbert (No. 20). By defeating Bergs, the Montrealer guaranteed his own spot inside the Top 50 once the rankings update on Monday.

The first set of Sunday's championship match was extremely tight, and the only break point opportunities came in the 11th and 12th games. Diallo managed to fend off the two he faced, but Bergs was unable to follow suit as he sent his backhand long on set point, part of his 23 unforced errors of the afternoon, to give the Diallo the first set.

The second set unfolded in a similar way, with both players easily holding their service games before heading to a tiebreak. Diallo had the ideal start, getting the early mini-break, but Bergs rallied to eventually get set point chances up 6-4. The tenacious Diallo managed to fend off both set points and gave himself an opportunity to win the match at 9-8. After a lengthy rally, the 23-year-old powered a backhand winner, his 26th winner of the match, to clinch his first-ever ATP title.

"It's something that you dream of for your whole life, to win an ATP Tour title," Diallo said in his post-match interview. "It means the world to me. I'm happy, not only for myself, but for my whole team."

### **Rebecca Marino comes close in Ilkley**

Elsewhere, Rebecca Marino (Vancouver, BC) was playing in the final of the Lexus Ilkley Open. In the quarter-finals of the WTA 125 event, the 34-year-old eliminated top-seeded Alexandra Eala of the Philippines, before beating Celine Naef of Switzerland in the semi-finals. In the championship match, Marino fell to rising American star Iva Jovic 6-1, 6-3.

Thanks to an excellent week in Ilkley, Marino should re-enter the Top 100 on Monday.

### **About Tennis Canada**

Founded in 1890, Tennis Canada is a non-profit, national sport association with a mission to lead the growth, development and promotion of tennis in Canada and a vision to be a world-leading tennis nation. We value teamwork, passion, integrity, innovation and excellence. Tennis Canada owns and operates the premier National Bank Open presented by Rogers WTA and ATP Tour events, it financially supports 15 other professional tournaments in Canada, as well as operating more than 60 events nationally across junior, wheelchair, university and Masters tennis categories. Tennis Canada is a proud member of the



**SOBEYS STADIUM**  
1 Shoreham Dr, Suite 100  
Toronto ON M3N 3A6  
T. 416.665.9777

**STADE IGA**  
285, rue Gary-Carter  
Montréal QC H2R 2W1  
T. 514.273.1234

International Tennis Federation, the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and serves to administer, sponsor and select the teams for Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, the Olympic and Paralympic Games and all wheelchair, junior and masters tennis national teams. Tennis Canada invests its surplus into tennis development. For more information on Tennis Canada please visit our website at: [www.tenniscanada.com](http://www.tenniscanada.com) and follow us on LinkedIn, X, Facebook and Instagram.

-30-

#### **Media Contact**

Patrick Steski  
Coordinator, Communications and Media Relations  
[psteski@tenniscanada.com](mailto:psteski@tenniscanada.com)  
+1 (613) 818-6237