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### **DENMARK'S AUGUST HOLMGREN AND AUSTRALIA'S TALIA GIBSON TAKE THE TOP HONOURS AT THE GRANBY NATIONAL BANK CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- ***Canadian Liam Draxl reaches the men's singles final.***
- ***Alexandra Vagramov and Darja Vidmanova win the women's doubles title.***
- ***New Zealand's Finn Reynolds and James Watt win the men's doubles title.***

**[MONTRÉAL, QC] July 20, 2024** – On Sunday, the Granby National Bank Championships wrapped up at Tennis St-Luc, as Australia's Talia Gibson and Denmark's August Holmgren were respectively crowned the women's and men's singles champions. Held from July 14 to 20, the tournament features a women's ITF W75+H event and an ATP 75 Challenger.

In the women's final, 21-year-old Talia Gibson, ranked No. 121 on the WTA Tour, defeated American qualifier Fiona Crawley (23; No. 411) 6-3, 6-4. After taking the opening set and building a 5-1 lead in the second, Gibson had to fend off a late surge by Crawley, who narrowed the gap to 5-4. But the Australian held firm and secured the title on her second championship point. Gibson arrived in Granby riding a wave of momentum after qualifying for Wimbledon and reaching the quarterfinals of the WTA 125 tournament in Newport. The win marks her second ITF title of the season following her triumph at the W50 event in Nantes in April.

Cadence Brace, who fought her way into the semifinals, was the top-performing Canadian in the women's singles draw. Fellow Canadian Alexandra Vagramov, who entered the draw through qualifying, got as far as the quarterfinals.

In the men's final, August Holmgren (6) vanquished Canada's Liam Draxl (3) in straight sets (6-3, 6-3). For the 23-year-old Draxl, currently ranked a career-high No.121, the match was his second consecutive final on the ATP Challenger Tour following his title win at the Winnipeg National Bank Challenger (ATP 75) just a week earlier. He also recently secured a spot in the main draw of the National Bank Open in Toronto by finishing first in the [Road to the NBO](#) competition.

Holmgren entered the Granby event on the heels of a breakthrough performance at Wimbledon, where he qualified for his first Grand Slam and got as far as the third round, notably thanks to his upset victory over Tomas Machac (23) of Czechia.

#### **The women's doubles title to a Canadian**

Fans in Granby were treated to a surprise in the women's doubles event when Canadian Alexandra Vagramov and her partner Darja Vidmanova of Czechia captured the doubles title. The pair, who entered



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with a wild card, won two of their matches in a tiebreaker (10-8) en route to the crown. The win is Vagramov first professional title, and she follows in the footsteps of fellow Canadians Ariana Arseneault and Mia Kupres who won in 2024.

In men's doubles, top seeds Finn Reynolds and James Watt of New Zealand dominated the draw, dropping only one set over the course of the week. In the final, they defeated their countryman Kody Pearson and Yuta Shimizu of Japan, the no.4 seeds, by a score of 6-3, 6-4. The win is their third ATP Challenger 75 title together this season.

For more on the Granby National Bank Open Championships, click [here](#).

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