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## TENNIS CANADA HOSTS TASTE OF THE NBO, AN EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW EVENT AHEAD OF 2025 NATIONAL BANK OPEN

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**[TORONTO, ON] July 16, 2025** – Tennis Canada hosted *Taste of the NBO*, an exclusive food and beverage experience and tour of the renovated player locker room at Sobeys Stadium on Tuesday ahead of the National Bank Open (NBO) presented by Rogers, which runs Saturday, July 26 to Thursday, August 7.

As the tournament prepares to usher in a new era, moving to a 12-day, 96-player main draw, it is being redefined on and off the court, including more world-class tennis, featuring more players over more days, with an enhanced fan experience. That extends to our food and beverage program and the facilities available to players.

The food and beverage preview, held in the National Bank Signature Club, was led by Marigolds & Onions executive chef Ashtad P. Dadachanji, who walked attendees through some of the menu items that will be served in the premium area during the tournament.

Among the featured items were: Charcuterie and cheese board; burrata caprese, with a pickled shallot vinaigrette; seared tamari tuna; potato crusted lamb chop; colcannon potatoes with chilli parm Brussel sprouts; crispy bulgogi beef with japchae noodles; sacchetti with ricotta and spinach over lamb ragu with pine nuts; mushroom, butternut squash and leek strudel; crostini flight featuring heirloom tomato bruschetta, funghi trifolati, and red and champagne roasted grapes with hummus labneh; soppressata flatbread featuring spicy soppressata, marinara, roasted peppers with a blue cheese balsamic reduction.

"We were thrilled to showcase some of our most popular menu items from the National Bank Signature Club as well as from our food and beverage partners on-site," said Dadachanji. "As a longtime partner of Tennis Canada and the National Bank Open presented by Rogers, Marigolds & Onions takes immense pride in making sure that fans go home as delighted with the food and beverage experience as they were with the world-class tennis they watched."

In addition, select menu items from several of our tournament food and beverage partners were available for sampling, including *Harvey's* Angus Burger, *PEI Lobster's* lobster roll, *Pickle Barrel's* smoked meat on a pretzel bun, *Joey Cutlets'* Joey C and Big Eggplant Energy sandwiches, as well as Tennis Canada's signature *BeaverTail*.

Attendees were also treated to a breathtaking view from our Centre Court's rooftop, located on the 300-level, where our new rooftop deals menu will be available throughout the NBO. All items are priced at a budget-friendly \$5 or lower, including beer, canned cocktails, hot dogs, popcorn, and more.

Along with the food and beverage tasting, guests were given a behind-the-scenes tour of Sobeys Stadium's upgraded player locker room and facilities. Renovated by Calican, the concept and planning for the upgrades began in October 2024. The key changes include the installation of purpose-built lockers in the Champions' space, reserved for past NBO, Grand Slam champs, and remaining top seeds, to maximize functionality for players. New doors and finishing paneling were also installed in the main locker rooms, while all lockers were upgraded to digital locks.

To access photos from Taste of the NBO, click here.

The first NBO of a redefined era, held at Sobeys Stadium, will kick off with a one-day qualifying round on July 26, followed by main-draw action from July 27 to August 7.

## About the National Bank Open presented by Rogers

The National Bank Open presented by Rogers is a world-class tournament owned and operated by Tennis Canada. In 2025, the event enters a new era with an expanded 12-day format that features a 96-player main draw. As a Hologic WTA 1000 and ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament, it will showcase the world's top tennis players in Montreal and Toronto from July 26 to August 7. The women's event, celebrating more than 130 years of history, will take place at IGA Stadium in Montreal. The men's event, celebrating more than 140 years of tradition, will be held at Sobeys Stadium. 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 <a href="https://www.nationalbankopen.com">www.nationalbankopen.com</a>.

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