

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CANADIAN VICTORIA MBOKO, AMERICAN BEN SHELTON CLAIM
TITLES AT 2025 NATIONAL BANK OPEN PRESENTED BY ROGERS**

- *Mboko becomes the first Canadian to win the title in Montreal*
- *Shelton secures his first Masters 1000 title in Toronto*

[TORONTO, ON and MONTREAL, QC] August 7, 2025 – Canadian Victoria Mboko was crowned champion of the 2025 National Bank Open presented by Rogers (NBO), capturing her first career WTA 1000 title in front of a capacity crowd at IGA Stadium in Montreal. The 18-year-old rallied from a set down to complete an impressive comeback to defeat former world No. 1 Naomi Osaka, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, in the final that lasted two hours and five minutes.

"When I had that winning moment and saw so many people standing up and cheering for me, it was a surreal experience," Mboko said. "I would have never thought something like this would have come so suddenly. I'm super happy for that, and I think it just proves that your dreams are closer than they are."

This final featured several historic milestones. It was the first time since the WTA 1000 format was introduced in 2009 that two players ranked outside the top 40 faced off in a championship match. It also marked a major moment in Canadian tennis history, as 18-year-old Mboko became the second wild card to win the NBO title in the Open Era after Monica Seles (1995), and the first Canadian to reach the women's singles final in Montreal.

Mboko delivered a historic run throughout the tournament, defeating four former Grand Slam champions—Sofia Kenin, Coco Gauff, Elena Rybakina, and Osaka—a feat no other Canadian has accomplished at a WTA event in the Open Era. In doing so, she became the second-youngest player in the Open Era to defeat four former women's singles major champions in a single tournament, behind only Serena Williams at the 1999 US Open.

To see the completed women's singles draw, [click here](#).

BEN SHELTON WINS FIRST MASTERS 1000 TITLE

American Ben Shelton claimed the 2025 NBO crown, securing his first Masters 1000 title with a 6-7 (5), 6-4, 7-6 (3) win against Karen Khachanov on Centre Court at Sobeys Stadium in Toronto. The 22-year-old overcame the one-set deficit to earn the biggest win of his career in a match that spanned two hours and 48 minutes.

"I'm really grateful for the opportunity. I feel like it was a perfect storm for me this week," Shelton said. "A lot of tight matches, long matches, played some of the best tennis that I've played this year. And to finish out the week the way that I did, especially with the opponent that I had today, and the way that he was playing, I couldn't be happier."

With his win, Shelton becomes the youngest American ATP Masters 1000 champion since Andy Roddick (21) at the 2004 Miami Open. With his third ATP Tour title, Shelton joins Rafael Nadal as the only other left-handed champion in Canada in this century.

The No. 4 seed opened with a straight-sets win over Adrian Mannarino, then won back-to-back three-set matches against Brandon Nakashima and Flavio Cobolli. In the quarterfinal, Shelton topped No. 9 seed Alex de Minaur before taking out his compatriot Taylor Fritz in the semifinal in two sets.

“Congratulations to Ben on his victory,” said Karl Hale, Tournament Director, NBO Toronto. “It’s been incredible to watch his level continue to rise throughout the National Bank Open presented by Rogers. We’re so pleased that Ben could claim his first Masters 1000 title at our event. He is no doubt on his way to many, many more. This week, we’ve experienced record-breaking attendance, and our fans have had the chance to watch some incredible tennis. We’re so pleased with our expanded 12-day model, and we’re excited to see our event continue to grow.”

To see the completed men’s singles draw, [click here](#).

RECORD-BREAKING EDITION HIGHLIGHTED BY CANADIAN EXCELLENCE

The 2025 NBO will be remembered as one of the most successful editions in the tournament’s history, marked by record-breaking attendance and historic performances from Canadian athletes. The renewed 12-day format in Toronto and Montreal saw a combined total of approximately 500,000 spectators visiting Sobeys Stadium and IGA Stadium throughout the two weeks.

In Toronto, the final attendance was 217,531, a new record that surpassed our previous record of 175,003 in 2023. Montreal’s event drew a record 287,329 spectators, surpassing the previous attendance record of 237,000 set in 2022 during the men’s tournament. Furthermore, 50% of attendees were first-time visitors, representing a 20% increase compared to 2024 and reflecting the tournament’s continued growth and appeal. Additionally, each of Mboko’s quarterfinal, semifinal, and final matches drew sold-out crowds at IGA Stadium.

“We had high expectations for this renewed edition of the National Bank Open, having raised the bar and extended the tournament, knowing it would be a special event. What we witnessed, however, went beyond those expectations and will be remembered for a long time,” said Valérie Tétreault, Tournament Director, NBO Montreal. “The strong performances from our Canadian athletes highlight the depth and competitiveness of Canadian tennis. Victoria Mboko’s run to the title especially captured the attention of the entire country and brought people together. We are proud of her achievements and the many milestones she reached here in Montreal. Adding to the quality of tennis and the on-site fan experience was the excellent weather throughout the 12 days, which contributed to making this edition truly exceptional.”

Canadian players had a strong presence throughout the tournament, capped off with Mboko’s remarkable victory. A total of nine Canadian women and eight Canadian men competed in the singles’ main draws. Meanwhile, national tennis icons Eugenie Bouchard and Vasek Pospisil said farewell to professional tennis, playing their final matches at the NBO.

GAUFF AND KESSLER CLINCH DOUBLES TITLE IN MONTREAL

In a strong debut as a team, Americans Coco Gauff and McCartney Kessler captured the WTA 1000 doubles crown in Montreal, defeating world No. 1 in doubles, Taylor Townsend and Zhang Shuai.

Gauff and Kessler opened strong with a 6-4 first set, but their experienced opponents stormed back to dominate the second, 6-1. The title came down to a nail-biting match tiebreak, where the American duo kept their composure to edge out a 13-11 victory.

The win marks Gauff's 11th doubles title and fourth at the WTA 1000 level. For Kessler, it was her first WTA 1000 title and eighth overall.

To see the completed women's doubles draw, [click here](#).

GLASSPOOL AND CASH PREVAIL IN DOUBLES IN TORONTO

In the all-British men's doubles final, Lloyd Glasspool and Julian Cash defeated Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski 6-3, 6-7 (5), 13-11.

In the back-and-forth match on Centre Court at Sobeys Stadium, the No. 2 seeds, Glasspool and Cash, saved four match points in the match tiebreak to claim their first NBO and Masters 1000-level title. With the victory, they have won 19 consecutive matches, which includes the Wimbledon title.

Glasspool and Cash's path to victory included saving four match points in their first-round match against Alejandro Davidovich Fokina and Flavio Cobolli, before defeating John Peers and Jan Zieliński. In their quarter-final match, they beat Guido Andreozzi and Sander Arends, then took down the No. 4 seeds, Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz, in the semifinal.

To see the completed men's doubles draw, [click here](#).

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 www.nationalbankopen.com.

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