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MBOKO CLAIMS HISTORIC TITLE AT 2025 NATIONAL BANK OPEN PRESENTED BY ROGERS

First Canadian champion in Montreal; second-youngest in Open Era to beat four former Grand Slam champions in a single tournament

[MONTREAL, QC] August 8, 2025 – On Thursday, August 7, Victoria Mboko was crowned champion of the 2025 National Bank Open presented by Rogers, capturing her first career WTA 1000 title in front of a capacity crowd at IGA Stadium in Montreal. The 18-year-old Canadian sensation staged an impressive comeback to defeat Japanese player and former world No. 1 Naomi Osaka, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, in a historic final. She becomes the third player to win the National Bank Open's final in the Open Era after losing the opening set after Margaret Court in 1970 and Martina Hingis in 2000. With this win, Mboko will become the top-ranked Canadian on the WTA tour at world No. 24.

This final featured several historic milestones. It marked a major moment in Canadian tennis history, as Mboko became the second wild card to win the National Bank Open title in the Open Era after Monica Seles (1995), and the first Canadian to reach the women's singles final in Montreal. 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.

"What Victoria accomplished this week is exceptional—not only for her, but for Canadian tennis as a whole," said Valérie Tétéault, Tournament Director in Montreal. "Seeing an 18-year-old lift the trophy here, in front of such a passionate crowd, is a source of immense pride for us and will no doubt inspire many young people to believe in their dreams. We will long remember this remarkable edition. Victoria wrote a page of history on our playground, surrounded by her own."

Mboko delivered a historic run throughout the tournament, defeating four former Grand Slam champions—Sofia Kenin, Coco Gauff, Elena Rybakina, and Naomi Osaka—in succession, a feat unmatched by any other Canadian at a WTA event in the Open Era. At 18, she is the second-youngest ever to do so in a single tournament, behind only Serena Williams at the 1999 US Open.

"Victoria showed remarkable mental strength and maturity throughout the tournament," said Noëlle van Lottum, Head of Women's Tennis at Tennis Canada and Mboko's coach. "On several occasions this week, she was able to turn matches around in difficult moments and raise her level against the very best. We were all impressed, and I'm very proud of the way she handled the pressure and maintained such a high level of play from the first match to the last. This victory is the result of all our hard work over the past few months."

A Breakout Season for Victoria Mboko



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Victoria Mboko has experienced a remarkable rise in 2025. She ended the year ranked No. 350 in the world, she broke a Canadian women's record by winning 22 consecutive ITF main-draw matches. Her strong season included five ITF singles titles, two doubles titles, a runner-up finish at the WTA 125 event in Parma, Italy, a Grand Slam main-draw debut with a third-round run at Roland-Garros, and a second-round appearance at Wimbledon. She also made her debut in the Billie Jean King Cup in Tokyo, winning both of her matches. Overall, she has compiled an impressive 52–9 record so far this season.

Rooted in the Tennis Canada System

Raised in Toronto, Mboko came up through the Tennis Canada development pathway. She began her journey on the Rookie Tour, trained at the Regional Tennis Centre (RTC) in Toronto between the ages of 10 and 12, and later joined the National Tennis Centre presented by Rogers (NTC) in Montreal.

From 2020 to 2023, she trained at both the Tennis Centre in Toronto, and eventually the National Tennis Centre, where she began working with former world No. 3 Nathalie Tauziat.

After a brief training stint in Belgium, Mboko returned to Tennis Canada in November 2024 to continue her development under the leadership of Noëlle van Lottum, Head of Women's Tennis. She now trains full-time with head coach Nathalie Tauziat, supported by an all-women team that includes Virginie Tremblay (National Fitness Coach), Shadi Soleymani (physiotherapist), and Melissa Lacroix (Senior Director of High Performance).

About Tennis Canada

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