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## **BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE UNDERWAY IN VANCOUVER**

*The tournament takes place from November 13 to 16 at the UBC Tennis Centre*

**[TORONTO, ON] November 13, 2025** – The 2025 Birmingham National Wheelchair Tennis Championships are in full swing, as Canada's best wheelchair tennis players compete for the coveted national titles. The tournament, held from November 13 to 16, 2025, is the largest national wheelchair tennis event in terms of Canadian participation and will be played out of the UBC Tennis Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia. The provinces represented at this year's event are British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia.

Leading the way in the men's singles category is Thomas Venos of British Columbia. Ranked No. 38 in the world, Venos enters the tournament as the five-time defending champion and will look to extend his streak against a strong player field. Joining him in the draw are fellow British Columbia natives Barry Henderson (No. 93), Se Youn Moon (No. 103), and John Chen (No. 132), all ranked among the top 200 players. Chen, the youngest player in the division, won the junior event in 2022 and 2023.

Carl Desbiens (QC), Nevin Dunn (ON), Mark Hansen-Bukata (BC), Jean-Paul Mélo (QC), Flavio Pagliero (ON), Gary Regan (BC), Colton Ribling (AB), Fabrice Samedy (QC), and Kyle Thompson (AB) round out the men's singles draw.

In the women's singles event, Ontario's Anne-Marie Dolinar is the top ranked player. Ranked 45th in the world, Dolinar, who won the event in 2022, will face Quebec's Natalia Lanucha (No. 68) and Nova Scotia's Vicki Morton (No. 77) in the battle for the national title. Lanucha last won the event in 2023 and finished as runner-up in 2024. Across all divisions this week, Morton is the lone participant from Nova Scotia.

Ontario's Shawn Courchesne, who is ranked No. 22 in the world in quads, Hisham Mohammad of Ontario (No. 51), Lachlan Sandford of British Columbia (No. 60), and Mitch McIntyre of Ontario (No. 65) make up the quad singles event. McIntyre has won the division two years running and will look to add another piece of hardware this week in Vancouver.

### **JENNIFER BELLAIRE RECEIVES BIRMINGHAM LEGACY AWARD**

In addition to the great list of players taking part in this year's event, the organizing committee is pleased to honour Jennifer Bellaire as the recipient of the Birmingham Legacy Award, which represents the highest honour within the game of wheelchair tennis in Canada. Bellaire hails from Windsor, Ontario and has been hosting and delivering the ITF Futures Windsor Classic Wheelchair Tournament since 2002 and is a true advocate for wheelchair tennis.

For more information on the Birmingham Nationals, click [here](#).



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