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HIGH-PERFORMANCE RESULTS CAP ANOTHER OUTSTANDING SEASON FOR CANADIAN TENNIS

- **Canada Claims Third-Most Tennis Titles on both the ATP and the WTA Tours in 2025**
 - **National Bank Open sees major growth and record crowds**
 - **Strong efforts make tennis more accessible to Canadians**

[MONTREAL, QC] December 2, 2025 — Today, Tennis Canada reflected on the highlights of the 2025 season, which was marked by impressive high-performance achievements, important milestones for the National Bank Open presented by Rogers and a renewed commitment to growing the sport across the country.

At a press conference at the National Tennis Centre presented by Rogers in Montréal, the federation celebrated the standout performances of its players on the professional and junior tours, as well as the coordinated efforts that have strengthened and elevated Canadian tennis in recent months.

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Gavin Ziv, Chief Executive Officer

"2025 has been a year of breakthroughs for Canadian tennis—a true testament to the strength and effectiveness of our development ecosystem. Victoria Mboko's dazzling rise and Félix Auger-Aliassime's amazing season perfectly illustrates that. Progressing through every stage of our performance pathway, including at the National Tennis Centre presented by Rogers, they both made history in 2025, Victoria by winning the women's singles title at the National Bank Open in Montréal at just 18 years old and Félix by reaching the ATP Tour's top 5 for the first time of his career.

"Combined with recent achievements like the 2022 Davis Cup and 2023 Billie Jean King Cup titles and the many career milestones our players have attained on the pro tours, there's no doubt that our strategy of reinvesting most of the net profits of the National Bank Open into tennis development across Canada is absolutely essential.

"It's also why the expanded 2025 National Bank Open was such a pivotal step for Canadian tennis. In the long term, it will not only boost the sport's reach but also strengthen our ability to invest in tennis from coast to coast to coast. One thing is clear: the excitement around tennis in Canada has never been stronger, and we'll do everything in our power to ensure Canadians can get involved, or remain engaged, in our sport for years to come."

Guillaume Marx, Vice President, High Performance

"Our long-term goal has always been to build Canadian presence in the different top professional ranking layers. With 13 Canadians in the top 200, Canada ranking third in ATP and WTA titles, and 54 pro-tour trophies this season, that vision is becoming reality. This success reflects the work of our entire tennis ecosystem – Tennis Canada, the clubs, and the Provincial and Territorial Tennis Associations – working together to elevate Canadian tennis."



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CANADIANS CONTINUE TO SHINE ON THE COURTS

Canadian players continue to prove their excellence at the highest levels, consistently ranking among the world's best season after season, and 2025 was no exception.

Victoria Mboko: meteoric rise to National Bank Open champion in Montréal

- Began the season ranked No. 350 and finished No.18.
- Set a record for a Canadian record woman by capturing four consecutive ITF titles and winning 20 straight matches.
- Earned her first WTA title at the National Bank Open in Montréal:
 - Defeated Grand Slam champions Coco Gauff, Elena Rybakina and Naomi Osaka.
 - Became the first Canadian woman to win the singles title in Montréal and the youngest Canadian to take home the WTA 1000 title.
- Added a second WTA title (the WTA 250 in Hong Kong) later in the season.

Félix Auger-Aliassime breaks into the Top 5 for the first time

- Began the season ranked No. 29 and finished No. 5.
- Won three ATP 250 titles: Adelaide, Brussels and Montpellier.
- Posted a 50–24 record.
- Competed in the semifinals of the US Open and final of the Paris Masters.
- Qualified for the Nitto ATP Finals for the second time, reaching the semifinals.
- Became only the second Canadian in history to enter the ATP Top 5 (after Milos Raonic).

Gabriela Dabrowski raises her second Grand Slam women's doubles trophy

- Won her second Grand Slam women's doubles title at the US Open with Erin Routliffe.
- Also captured the titles in Cincinnati (WTA 1000) and Stuttgart (WTA 500).
- Reached 20 career WTA doubles titles, ranking among the best in Canadian tennis history.
- Announced that she and Erin Routliffe were ending their successful partnership after the WTA Finals.

Record number of Canadian competitors at the National Bank Open

- 23 Canadians in the draw (12 women, 11 men)
- 15 Canadians who received direct entry in the main draw (8 women, 7 men: a new record)
- Shows the unprecedent depth and development of Canadian tennis

65 titles won on the pro tours

- Canada achieved a new mark in 2025 by ranking third on both the ATP and the WTA tours for most titles won by its athletes (6 on the men's tour, 4 on the women's tour).
- Canadian players took home a combined total of 65 titles across the ATP, WTA, ITF and wheelchair tennis tours, including 54 in tennis and 11 in wheelchair tennis.
- First WTA/ATP 500 title for:
 - Leylah Annie Fernandez at the Citi Open
 - Denis Shapovalov at the Dallas Open
- Gabriel Diallo took the top honours at 's-Hertogenbosch, becoming the first Canadian to win a title on grass in 32 years.



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- Rob Shaw claimed his 25th wheelchair singles title, breaking the Canadian record.

13 Canadian players in the Top 200 of the ATP and WTA tours

- Singles - Men: Félix Auger-Aliassime (No. 5), Denis Shapovalov (No. 23), Gabriel Diallo (No. 41), Liam Draxl (No. 129)
- Doubles – Men: Cleever Harper (No. 94)
- Singles – Women: Victoria Mboko (No. 18), Leylah Annie Fernandez (No. 22), Marina Stakusic (No. 130), Rebecca Marino (No. 178), Carson Branstine (No. 180), Cadence Brace (No. 186), Kayla Cross (No. 200).
- Doubles – Women: Gabriela Dabrowski (No. 10), Leylah Annie Fernandez (No. 72), Kayla Cross (No. 150), Bianca Andreescu (No. 158)

[Click here](#) to see the complete list of titles won by Canadian athletes this season.

GROWTH IN PARTICIPATION AND POPULARITY

Tennis Canada is set to release the results of its most recent national participation study in 2026, but the early data indicates sustained and significant growth in tennis across the country. Early trends show increased participation at all levels, from community introductory programs to competitive pathways.

Tennis Canada, in collaboration with the Provincial and Territorial Tennis Associations (PTTA), aims to increase the number of young players by 100,000 by 2027, and notable progress was made this year through initiatives rolled out across the country.

June: 2nd annual Tennis Month in Canada

For the second consecutive year, Tennis Canada celebrated Tennis Month in June, and the festivities were bigger and better than ever. Created in collaboration with the PTTAs, Tennis Month invited people of all ages and skill levels to take part in fun tennis activities in their communities. The 2025 edition featured more than 140 events across Canada, including 108 Rogers First Set initiatives to introduce children to the sport. Over 2,000 players were estimated to have participated in Rogers First Set Try and Play programs or events last June.

Tennis Canada and National Bank continue to make major strides towards Gender Equity in tennis

Since the launch of their Game. Set. Equity. (GSE) commitment in 2023, Tennis Canada and National Bank have been able to generate significant advancements towards gender equity across all levels of the Canadian tennis ecosystem, and 2025 was no exception. This year, a series of landmark initiatives were deployed:

- In 2025, the National Bank Open officially embarked on its path toward full prize money parity, set to be achieved in 2027. This year marked a significant step forward, with WTA prize money increasing to 56% of the ATP event—up from 32% previously. The gap will continue to narrow over the next two years, rising to 78% in 2026 before reaching complete equality in 2027.
- In partnership with National Bank, the GSE Community Tennis Grants offer funding opportunities for community organizations that aim to support equity for players who identify as women and



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girls. In 2025, 28 organizations were awarded funding to support inclusive community tennis programs. Since 2023, nearly \$300,000 has been invested through the initiative to promote tennis participation, retention and the advancement of women and girls in the sport.

- Under the theme Stronger Together, the UNMATCHED: Gender Equity in Sports Conference expanded in a major way in 2025. In addition to returning on-site at the National Bank Open at Sobeys Stadium, the conference also included a Montreal segment for the very first time (hosted at IGA Stadium, also during the tournament). Both events featured a diverse lineup of panelists and welcomed two standout keynote speakers: University of South Carolina Women's Basketball Head Coach and gender equity advocate Dawn Staley in Toronto, and trailblazer and NHL coach Jessica Campbell in Montreal.
- In March, Tennis Canada celebrated International Women's Day by releasing the [GSE Impact Report](#), a comprehensive look at the early outcomes made across the five pillars of the strategy, the key insights gleaned so far, and the next steps to achieve its objectives by 2027.

Facility improvements

In 2025, Tennis Canada continued rolling out two major infrastructure programs that are transforming the community tennis landscape in outdoor and year-round indoor facilities.

- Launched in 2022, the National Bank Play Your Court program is investing \$3 million to revitalize 100 courts nationwide by 2023. By carrying out essential improvements, including resurfacing, installing new posts and nets, updating fences and adding signage, the initiative has directly enhanced the quality and safety of playing environments. The past year was especially productive, as four projects were inaugurated in Sherbrooke and Drummondville (Québec), Mississauga (Ontario) and Winnipeg (Manitoba). Since the program's inception, seven completed projects in British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Québec have revitalized or added 34 courts.
- Also launched in 2022, the Year-Round Community Tennis Courts program presented by Rogers aims to create 30 facilities by 2029 to provide Canadians with year-round court access. Jointly funded by Tennis Canada and Rogers (\$5.6 million), the initiative offers each project up to \$200,000 in seed funding and directly contributes to tennis development, particularly among young players. Facilities have already opened in Mississauga, Niagara Falls and Markham (Ontario), Calgary and Edmonton (Alberta), Waterloo (Québec) and St. John's (Newfoundland). A total of 15 completed and ongoing projects have made 77 indoor courts accessible. In 2025, the program announced it would be reaching the halfway point of its target.



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Records crowds at the 2025 National Bank Open

The 2025 National Bank Open shattered several attendance records as it rolled out its new 12-day format, confirming Canadians' growing interest in tennis. Driven by the nationwide buzz created by Victoria Mboko's meteoric rise, which helped draw crowds and generated unprecedented media coverage, the tournament saw exceptional growth in both host cities.

Toronto welcomed **217,531** fans—a **24.3% increase** compared to 2023. In Montréal, **287,329** people passed through the stadium gates—a **21.06% increase**. Notably, **50% of ticket holders** attended the tournament for the first time—a **20% increase** compared to 2024. Montréal hosted **three sold-out sessions**, highlighting the extraordinary appeal of this historic edition. Moreover, the combined attendance of both sites (**504,860**) set a new record amongst all the 1000 combined events.

About Tennis Canada

Founded in 1890, Tennis Canada is a non-profit, national sport association with a mission to lead the growth, development and promotion of tennis in Canada and a vision to be a world-leading tennis nation. We value teamwork, passion, integrity, innovation and excellence. Tennis Canada owns and operates the premier National Bank Open presented by Rogers WTA and ATP Tour events, it financially supports 15 other professional tournaments in Canada, as well as operating more than 60 events nationally across junior, wheelchair, university and Masters tennis categories. Tennis Canada is a proud member of the International Tennis Federation, the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and serves to administer, sponsor and select the teams for Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, the Olympic and Paralympic Games and all wheelchair, junior and masters tennis national teams. Tennis Canada invests its surplus into tennis development. For more information on Tennis Canada please visit our website at www.tenniscanada.com and follow us on LinkedIn, X, Facebook and Instagram.

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