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ANDREESCU TO PLAY OPENING NIGHT, SABALENKA FEATURES TUESDAY NIGHT, FERNANDEZ WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE NATIONAL BANK OPEN IN TORONTO

Main-draw action gets underway Sunday, August 2, with top seeds playing their opening matches on Tuesday and Wednesday

[TORONTO, ON] July 31, 2026 – Fans can expect a blockbuster start to the National Bank Open presented by Rogers in Toronto after the highlight matches of the tournament's opening days were revealed on Friday. Canadian wild card Bianca Andreescu is set to appear in the opening night match on Sunday, August 2, No. 1 seed Aryna Sabalenka headlines Tuesday night, and top-ranked Canadian Leylah Annie Fernandez will feature in the Wednesday night matchup.

The draw was conducted in the National Bank Signature Club at Sobeys Stadium on Friday afternoon with No. 5 seed Mirra Andreeva and No. 7 seed Iga Swiatek in attendance. The draw was broadcast via [livestream](#). Click [here](#) to see the draw in full.

The tournament's top 32 seeds will receive a first-round bye and will play their first match starting on Tuesday. Before then, there are many matchups for fans to get excited about on Sunday and Monday, including 2019 NBO champion Andreescu's opening match on Sunday night against rising-star Nikola Bartunkova. Top-ranked Canadian Fernandez will face the winner of a Renata Zarazua and Tamara Korpatsch matchup. The Laval, Quebec native's potential path to the title could include a third-round meeting with reigning Roland-Garros champion and world No. 5 Andreeva. In the second round, No. 2 seed Elena Rybakina will open against Xinyu Wang or Daria Kasatkina, while No. 3 seed and two-time NBO champion Jessica Pegula (2023, 2024) will await the winner of Magdalena Frech versus a qualifier.

Filipina trailblazer Alexandra Eala will make her NBO Toronto debut in the second round, where she will face the winner of Alycia Parks versus a qualifier. Reigning Wimbledon champion and No. 6 seed Linda Noskova will play either Caty McNally or a qualifier. Should they each win their opening matches, Eala and Noskova would then meet in the third round.

"We can't wait to get the tournament underway and welcome fans back to the National Bank Open for world-class tennis and an exceptional on-site experience," said Karl Hale, Tournament Director – NBO Toronto. "Fans can look forward to entertainment, an extraordinary food and beverage program with something for everyone and fun activities every single day. The incredible matchups that were decided today are sure to set us up for an exceptional two weeks of tennis and we look forward to getting started."

The confirmed feature matches so far include:

Sunday, August 2 – Night session*

(CAN) Bianca Andreescu [WC] vs Nikola Bartunkova

Tuesday, August 4 – Day session*

Iga Swiatek [8] vs Sara Bejlek or Xiyu Wang

Tuesday, August 4 – Night session*

Aryna Sabalenka [1] vs Cristina Bucsa or Qualifier



Wednesday, August 5 – Day session*

Elena Rybakina [2] vs Xinyu Wang or Daria Kasatkina

Coco Gauff [4] vs Diane Parry or Qualifier

Wednesday, August 5 – Night session*

(CAN) Leylah Annie Fernandez [30] vs Renata Zarazua or Tamara Korpatsch

Alexandra Eala [25] vs Alycia Parks or Qualifier

*Match times will be confirmed in due course, and all matches are subject to change

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 2026, the event enters a new era with an expanded 12-day format that features a 96-player main draw. As a WTA 1000 and ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament, it will showcase the world's top tennis players in Montreal and Toronto from August 1 to August 13. The women's event, celebrating more than 130 years of history, will take place at Sobeys Stadium in Toronto. The men's event, celebrating more than 140 years of tradition, will be held at IGA Stadium in Montreal. 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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