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**FERNANDEZ SISTERS, ANDREESCU AND CROSS AWARDED
DOUBLES WILD CARDS; ZHAO AND ARSENEAULT RECEIVE
REMAINING SINGLES MAIN-DRAW WILD CARDS IN TORONTO**

- *Avery Alexander and Ana Grubor earn qualifying wild cards*
- *One doubles wild card remains to be announced*

[TORONTO, ON] July 26 2026 – The remaining main-draw singles wild cards and two of the three doubles wild cards for the National Bank Open presented by Rogers (NBO) in Toronto have been awarded to Canadians, Tennis Canada announced on Sunday.

Carol Zhao (Richmond Hill, ON) and Ariana Arseneault (Richmond Hill, ON) have been selected for singles main-draw entries. Zhao, who turned professional in 2016, has been nominated to represent Team Canada at Billie Jean King Cup on seven occasions and won a gold medal at the 2015 Pan American Games in doubles alongside Gabriela Dabrowski (Ottawa, ON), will play in the final NBO of her career after she confirmed 2026 will be her last year on Tour.

In doubles, Leylah Annie Fernandez (Laval, QC) reunites with her sister Bianca Jolie Fernandez (Laval, QC), and recent Billie Jean King Cup teammates Bianca Andreescu (Mississauga, ON) and Kayla Cross (London, ON) join forces.

“The National Bank Open has always been a special opportunity for Canadian players to compete on home soil, and having eight Canadians in the main draw reflects the continued growth and depth of tennis in this country,” said Tournament Director Karl Hale. “Fans will also be excited to see the Fernandez sisters reunite after reaching the semi-finals in Toronto in 2024, while Billie Jean King Cup teammates Bianca Andreescu and Kayla Cross add another exciting Canadian team to the doubles draw. Their performances will no doubt create lasting memories for fans and inspire the next generation of Canadian tennis players.”

“We are delighted to award main-draw wild cards to Ariana [Arseneault] and Carol [Zhao],” said Noelle van Lottum, Head of Women’s Tennis at Tennis Canada. “Ariana’s game continues to trend in the right direction, and she is doing all the right things to position herself to compete at the highest of levels. Carol has been a respected figure in Canadian tennis for many years, and we’re thrilled to give her the opportunity to compete at her home tournament for one final time. These two players will add to an already exciting Canadian contingent at the National Bank Open presented by Rogers.”

The eight main-draw wild cards have now been awarded, with the previous six going to Andreescu, Cross, Katherine Sebov (Toronto, ON), Cadence Brace (Toronto, ON), Rebecca Marino (Vancouver, BC), and Venus Williams.

Avery Alexander (Sudbury, ON) and Ana Grubor (Toronto, ON) have earned a wild card into the one-day qualifying draw. They will be joined by one additional Canadian, with the third qualifying wild card to be awarded through a mini tournament featuring four Canadian players. The fourth and final entry was exchanged under a trade.

One doubles wild card remains to be announced.



Fans can purchase tickets for the National Bank Open, taking place August 1-13 at Sobeys Stadium, by clicking [here](#).

MEDIA NOTES

National Bank Open

- The eight main-draw wild cards have been awarded to Bianca Andreescu, Kayla Cross, Katherine Sebov, Cadence Brace, Rebecca Marino, Ariana Arseneault, Carol Zhao, and Venus Williams.
- The official draw ceremonies in Toronto and Montreal will take place on Friday, July 31 and will be livestreamed on tournament channels.
- This is the second year of the expanded 12-day format, which begins with a one-day qualifying round on Saturday, August 1.
- Main-draw play begins on Sunday, August 2.
- August 1-2 is 407 ETR Family Weekend in association with LEGO Canada, Montellier, Nintendo and Sobeys.

Ariana Arseneault (World No. 404)

- Arseneault currently sits at a career high ranking of No. 404, having won her first professional singles title in March at the WTT W15 in Trois-Rivières, Quebec.
- She made her NBO debut in 2025, qualifying for the main draw before falling to eventual runner-up Naomi Osaka in the first round.

Carol Zhao (World No. 570)

- Zhao has spent much of the 2026 season competing on the World Tennis Tour, highlighted by a round-of-16 appearance at the WTA 125 event in Jiujiang, China.
- She is set to make her 15th NBO appearance and sixth in the main draw.
- The 2026 NBO will mark Zhao's final appearance at the event after she confirmed 2026 will be her last year on Tour.

Fernandez Sisters

- This will mark the fourth time Leylah Annie Fernandez and Bianca Jolie Fernandez have teamed up in doubles at the NBO.
- In 2024, the sisters made an impressive run to the semi-finals before falling to Ottawa's Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe.

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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