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KAYLA CROSS RETURNS GRANBY NATIONAL BANK CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN'S SINGLES CROWN TO CANADA

No. 1 seed Aleksander Vukic claims the men's singles title

[TORONTO, ON] July 19, 2026 – Kayla Cross (London, ON) captured the women's singles title at the Granby National Bank Championships on Sunday, defeating Japan's Sara Saito 7-5, 6-1 in the final. The No. 3 seed produced a dominant performance throughout the week to secure the WTT W75 title, the biggest singles trophy of her career.

After a tightly contested opening set, Cross won five consecutive games to pull away from Saito and seal the victory in one hour and 32 minutes. Following today's win, Cross will reach a career-high ranking when the WTA rankings are updated on Monday, with a position projected around world No. 169.

The title caps off an impressive week for the Canadian, as it was announced yesterday that she clinched the [Road to the NBO](#) competition in her comeback semi-final win over No. 1 seed Elizabeth Mandlik of the United States.

The men's singles final featured a matchup between No. 1 seed Aleksandar Vukic of Australia and No. 2 seed Arthur Gea of France. With a 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 victory over Gea, Vukic claimed the championship and his first ATP Challenger singles title since 2023.

American compatriots Kylie Collins and Olivia Lincer earned the women's doubles title with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Canadian duo Mia Kupres (Edmonton, AB) and Sasha Vagramov (Port Moody, BC) on Saturday.

In men's doubles, reigning champions Finn Reynolds and James Watt of New Zealand successfully defended their 2025 title with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Guillaume Dalmasso of France and Matt Kuhar of the United States.

MEDIA NOTES

- Cross is the first Canadian woman in 14 years to win the Granby singles title since Eugenie Bouchard did so in 2012.
- She joins elite company in Bouchard and Stéphanie Dubois (2011) as the only three Canadian women to capture the title.
- In addition to Cross, fellow Canadians Rebecca Marino and Cadence Brace also reached the quarter-finals of the singles draw.
- Three Canadians also reached the quarter-finals in the men's draw, including Alexis Galarneau, Liam Draxl and Justin Boulais.
- As champion of the Road to the NBO competition, Cross has earned a main-draw wild card into the National Bank Open presented by Rogers for the second consecutive year.
- The competition awards a National Bank Open main-draw wild card to the top-performing Canadian based on points earned at professional tournaments across Canada.



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- The men's Road to the NBO competition is yet to be clinched, and the race will continue next week in Winnipeg.
- The Granby National Bank Championships is the first of five National Bank Challenger events held in Canada this year.

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