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TOBY SAMUEL WINS WINNIPEG NATIONAL BANK CHALLENGER, TEAH CHAVEZ CLAIMS MAIDEN TITLE IN SASKATOON

Defending champion Draxl falls to No. 2 seed in Winnipeg final

[TORONTO, ON] July 26, 2026 – Two domestic professional tournaments took place this week, with champions crowned on Sunday. At the Winnipeg National Bank Challenger presented by MBuilds, 2025 champion Liam Draxl's title defense came to an end in the final at the hands of No. 2 seed Toby Samuel of Great Britain. On the women's side, at the Saskatoon Challenger, Teah Chavez emerged victorious in the final over compatriot Ariana Arseneault to earn her first professional title.

Winnipeg National Bank Challenger presented by MBuilds

Draxl entered the tournament unseeded and made his way through the draw upsetting the No. 4, No. 6, and No. 1 seeds to reach the final for the second consecutive year. He squared off against Toby Samuel of Great Britain in the final, ultimately falling in straight sets by a score of 6-4, 6-2.

Tennis Canada announced on Friday that Draxl's quarter-final victory over France's Clément Chidekh earned him the points needed to clinch the [Road to the NBO](#) competition. The Newmarket, ON native will receive a wild card to the main draw of the National Bank Open presented by Rogers (NBO) in Montreal.

In doubles, an all-American final ended with Daniel Milavsky and Braden Shick beating the duo of Joshua Sheehy and Tyler Zink in a tie break. Both pairs were unseeded.

Saskatoon Challenger (WTT W35)

With Canucks on both sides of the net, a Canadian champion was guaranteed in the singles final. After dropping the opening set, Saskatchewan's own Teah Chavez rallied to beat No. 4 seed Ariana Arseneault (Richmond Hill, ON) by a score of 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. The win earned the Regina native her first professional title.

Chavez and Arseneault will now turn their attention to the Odum Brown VanOpen (WTA 125) where they'll enter the main draw in the tournament's first edition since 2022.

Pairing up with Scarlett Nicholson (Toronto, ON), Chavez also reached the doubles final, adding to her hardware for the week. The Canadians came out as runners-up, falling to Americans Alyssa Ahn and Kaya Moe by a score of 6-4, 3-6, 10-8 in the championship match.

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- Chavez becomes the fourth Canadian champion in the last five years of the Saskatoon Challenger, joining elite company in Victoria Mboko (2022, 2023) and Kayla Cross (2024).
- Tennis Canada announced today that Arseneault would be the recipient of a main-draw wild card at the National Bank Open presented by Rogers in Toronto.
- 2026 marks 10 years of Challenger action in Winnipeg, having been a stop on the Tour since 2016.
- The Winnipeg National Bank Challenger presented by MBuilds is the second of five National Bank Challenger events held in Canada this year.

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