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14 TOP 100 PLAYERS LEAD FIELD FOR INAUGURAL QUEBEC NATIONAL BANK CHALLENGER

- *Wild cards have been awarded to Canadians Alexis Galarneau and Duncan Chan*
- *The event will take place from August 17 to 23, 2026, at Université Laval's new Centre de tennis Synex Assurance at the PEPS sports centre*

[TORONTO, ON] August 13, 2026 – On Thursday, Tennis Canada and Université Laval announced the player field for the inaugural Quebec National Bank Challenger presented by Cromwell. The Quebec City event is an ATP Challenger 125, making it the second largest men's tournament in Canada, alongside the VanOpen Odium Brown.

"We are so excited to welcome the world's best players back to Quebec City for the first time in 50 years," said Julie Dionne, Julie Dionne, director of the Quebec National Bank Challenger presented by Cromwell. "Players and fans will have the unique opportunity to enjoy this experience at Canada's newest tennis centre. For us, this is a golden opportunity to inspire a passion for tennis in young people and to bring this wonderful sport to life – in an affordable and accessible way – for fans of all ages."

"Bringing an event of this calibre to Quebec City marks an exciting new chapter for professional tennis in the province," said Richard Quirion, Director, Pro & International Events, QC. "The Quebec National Bank Challenger gives fans the opportunity to watch world-class tennis while providing Canadian athletes with another chance to compete on home soil. Quebec City has long been one of the country's top tennis destinations, and with the Quebec National Bank Challenger, the WTT 50 women's event, and the Davis Cup Qualifiers 2nd Round all taking place in 2026, it's an exciting time for tennis fans in the region."

The summer of tennis in Canada continues as the action shifts to Quebec City following tonight's National Bank Open presented by Rogers (NBO) final. The event will feature 14 Top 100 players headlining a strong field that includes many competitors who also featured at the NBO. Among the notable names are Belgium's Alexander Blockx and Zizou Bergs, France's Terrence Atmane, Australia's Alexei Popyrin, and China's Jerry Shang, who all reached the third round in Montreal. Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp went one further, reaching the round of 16.

Canadian tennis fans will have two homegrown players to cheer on in the main draw, with Alexis Galarneau (Laval, QC) and Duncan Chan (Markham, ON) receiving wild cards. Galarneau and Chan were among the Canadian highlights at the NBO, teaming up in doubles to reach the quarter-finals before falling to No. 3 seeds Mate Pavic and Marcelo Arevalo. Wild cards into qualifying in Quebec City have been awarded to Justin Boulais (Oakville, ON), Keegan Rice (Regina, SK) and Nicolas Arseneault (Richmond Hill, ON).

Click [here](#) to view the full list of players scheduled to participate in the 2026 Quebec National Bank Challenger. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.tenniscanada.com/national-bank-challengers/quebec.

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- The event runs from August 17-23, 2026, at Université Laval's new Centre de tennis Synex Assurance at the PEPS sports centre.
- The event is the second largest men's tournament in Canada (ATP Challenger 125), alongside the VanOpen Odlum Brown.
- 14 Top 100 players are among those on the entry list.
- Main-draw wild cards: Alexis Galarneau and Duncan Chan; Qualifying wild cards: Justin Boulais, Keegan Rice and Nicolas Arseneault.
- Doubles wild cards will be announced in due course.
- Gabriel Diallo, who had previously announced he would compete in Quebec City, will miss the event due to an injury sustained during the NBO.
- The tournament is the third of five National Bank Challengers, following events in Winnipeg and Granby in July, and ahead of Saguenay in October and Drummondville in November.

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 World Tennis, 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.