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LUCA VAN ASSCHE WINS INAUGURAL QUEBEC NATIONAL BANK CHALLENGER

Canadians Justin Boulais and Duncan Chan finish runners-up in doubles, falling to Alexander Donski and Ajeet Rai

[TORONTO, ON] August 24, 2026 – Luca Van Assche of France claimed the first edition of the Quebec National Bank Challenger presented by Cromwell on Sunday, defeating Greek Stefanos Sakellaridis 6-1, 6-4 in the final at Université Laval's new Centre de tennis Synex Assurance at the PEPS sports centre.

The tournament's No. 2 seed, Van Assche, reached the championship match with wins over Japan's Rei Sakamoto and fellow Frenchmen Benjamin Bonzi (No. 6) and Hugo Gaston (No. 4). Sakellaridis, meanwhile, had to play three additional matches, including two in qualifying before reaching the final. His biggest upset came in the quarter-finals, where he defeated top-seeded Zizou Bergs of Belgium 7-6(3), 4-6, 6-4.

In doubles, Justin Boulais (Oakville, ON) and Duncan Chan (Markham, ON) made the most of their wild card, reaching the final, which included a win over No. 3 seeds Sander Gille of Belgium and Dutchman Sem Verbeek along the way. They ultimately fell 6-3, 4-6, 10-3 to Bulgaria's Alexander Donski and New Zealand's Ajeet Rai, who entered the event as alternates.

MEDIA NOTES

- Van Assche wins his fifth title of the season – four Challengers and one ATP 250 – and has reached a career-high ranking of No. 40.
- Boulais and Chan both achieved new career-high rankings in doubles, reaching No. 231 and No. 253, respectively.
 - On August 3, Chan was ranked No. 1115 in doubles before making deep runs at the National Bank Open presented by Rogers and now the Quebec National Bank Challenger.
- The event ran from August 17-23, 2026, at Université Laval's new Centre de tennis Synex Assurance at the PEPS sports centre.
- It's the second largest men's tournament in Canada (ATP Challenger 125), alongside the VanOpen Odlum Brown.
- 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.

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