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NATIONAL TITLES AWARDED AT 2026 U18 FISCHER OUTDOOR JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Noelle Yuxuan Dai, Andy Tchinda Kepche are singles champions, top seeds claim doubles titles

[TORONTO, ON] August 9, 2026 – The U18 Fischer Outdoor Junior National Championships took place this week, with champions being crowned over the weekend at the Ontario Racquet Club in Mississauga. Noelle Yuxuan Dai (ON) claimed the title on the girls' side, while Andy Tchinda Kepche (QC)* emerged victorious in the boys' draw.

The two singles finals were highly contested, with neither match proving straightforward. In the girls' championship match on Sunday, Yuxuan Dai battled back from a set down to defeat Payton Charley Dith 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. Tchinda Kepche faced Judah McEachern-Brown (ON) in the boys' final, ultimately prevailing by a score of 6-1, 0-6, 6-4. The title adds to a successful season for Tchinda Kepche, having won five WTT junior doubles titles and finishing as runner-up at the U18 Indoor Nationals earlier this year.

In doubles, the top-seeded pairs in both the girls' and boys' draws validated their top rankings, securing championship wins on Saturday. In an all-Ontarian girls final, Sophie Michelle Dement and Andrea Taylor* defeated Ava Mya Sanicharan and Elle Helen-Marie Tucci 6-3, 6-1. The duo of Dement and Taylor did not drop a set during their run to the championship. The boys final featured a matchup between the top two seeds, with Luke Laughlin and Brayden William Woo (ON) emerging victorious over Ilya Sherifali and Evan Shuai Xie (ON), 4-6, 7-6, 10-5.

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MEDIA NOTES:

- 5 members of the [National Tennis Centre presented by Rogers](#) took part in the tournament: Andy Tchinda Kepche, Andrea Taylor, Caden Colbourne (NS), Laurence Demers (QC) and Antoine Généreux (QC).
- Champions and top finishers at Junior Nationals earn valuable points toward Tennis Canada's [Road to the Pros](#) standings, which recognizes Canada's top-performing junior athletes throughout the season.
 - The U18 Fischer Outdoor Junior Nationals is a key tournament in the Road to the Pros competition, carrying the highest points value, equivalent to a J500 event.
- Upcoming Fischer Outdoor tournaments include the U16 Nationals, August 10-18, the U12 Nationals, August 11-18 and the U14 Nationals, August 20-27.

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