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BEN SHELTON CROWNED CHAMPION OF THE NATIONAL BANK OPEN PRESENTED BY ROGERS

The tournament sets new attendance record of 309,492 fans.

Luz and Matos take home the doubles title.

[MONTRÉAL, QC], August 13, 2026 – Ben Shelton continues his record-setting run in Canada. The American secured the National Bank Open presented by Rogers crown for the second straight year, becoming the first man to successfully defend his title at the Canadian tournament since Rafael Nadal in 2018 and 2019. In today's singles final at IGA Stadium, he defeated fellow American Brandon Nakashima 6-3, 7-6(4), extending his perfect record against him to 6-0. This final was the **first between two Americans at an ATP Masters 1000 since Cincinnati in 2003**, and the first in Canada since Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras faced off in 1995.

With the victory, Shelton extended his **winning streak on Canadian soil to 12 matches** over the past two years and captured his fourth ATP title of the season and seventh of his career. He also completed his run **without dropping a single set (12-0)**, a feat no men's champion at the tournament had accomplished since Novak Djokovic in 2016. Shelton also did not concede a single break of serve in his final three matches.

Ben Shelton, 2026 NBO Champion

"I think that the way you win, for me, it also matters. Not just winning, but the way you do it, and I couldn't be more happy with the way I did it this week. I thought tonight it was such a good display from me, the way that I moved on the court, the way I struck the ball, my serve and return. I thought I was versatile. I played all-court tennis. And I'm super happy with the way that the match turned out. And then, yeah, ending the match on a fading backwards forehand winner down the line feels good, for sure."

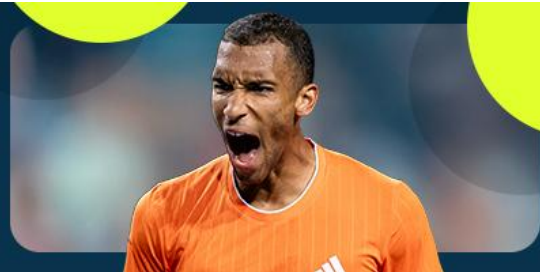
Valérie Tétéault, Tournament Director of the National Bank Open presented by Rogers

"Congratulations to Ben on capturing his second consecutive title at the National Bank Open presented by Rogers. Defending a title at this level is a remarkable achievement, and the quality of his play throughout the week is a testament to his tremendous talent. Once again, he delivered memorable moments for our fans and showed why he is one of the most exciting players on tour. We are thrilled to see his name added to our list of champions once again, and we are already looking forward to welcoming him back to Canada."

In the men's doubles final, Brazilians **Orlando Luz and Rafael Matos** came from behind to defeat third seeds **Marcelo Arévalo and Mate Pavić** 5-7, 6-4, 10-6, capturing their first National Bank Open title and first Masters 1000. After dropping the opening set 7-5, Luz and Matos responded with a break of serve in the opening game of the second. They held on to that advantage to force a tiebreak, which they won 10-6 after racing out to a 6-1 lead. It is the fourth ATP title Luz and Matos have won together following their clay-court triumphs in Bastad in 2024 and in Buenos Aires and Santiago in 2026.

A RECORD-BREAKING EDITION WITH A LASTING IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

The 2026 National Bank Open presented by Rogers was a landmark edition in many respects. A total of 309,492 fans came through the gates of IGA Stadium over the course of the tournament, shattering the previous attendance record of 287,329. The increase of more than 22,000 fans is all the more remarkable given that one session had to be cancelled due to weather. This new record reflects the growing popularity of tennis and Montréal fans' increasing enthusiasm for the sport.



In addition to the record attendance, the tournament continued its commitment to the community through a range of initiatives designed to extend its impact well beyond the courts:

- A total of 36,789 complimentary tickets were distributed to community members, primarily during IGA Family Weekend in association with Énergir, LEGO Canada and Nintendo, giving them the opportunity to discover tennis at no cost and helping to promote access to a sport for life.
- A total of \$46,500 (\$0.15 from every ticket sold) was donated to Collectif Villeray sans faim and Ressources Action Alimentation, two organizations working to combat food insecurity in the borough of Villeray–Saint-Michel–Parc-Extension.
- In collaboration with Sun Youth and Tennis Montréal, more than 100 children from the borough had an opportunity to try tennis by visiting the site free of charge or taking part in a clinic. Each child received a new racquet so they could continue discovering the sport.
- A clinic was also organized in collaboration with Maizon Dort, the foundation of basketball player Luguentz Dort, which supports the educational success of youth from underserved communities through sport, creative expression and academic support.
- As part of National Bank Day, dedicated to advancing gender equity in sport, the tournament launched a new mentorship program for girls ages 14 to 17 in collaboration with Sun Youth. Participants had an opportunity to shadow Tennis Canada staff members during the tournament and learn about the many professions involved in staging an international sporting event.
- Finally, as part of celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the partnership between Rogers and Tennis Canada, introductory tennis activities for youth were organized through the national Rogers First Set program.

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“Welcoming a record number of fans is a tremendous source of pride, but our greatest achievement remains our ability to turn that enthusiasm into meaningful benefits for the community. We have always said that the tournament is not an end in itself but a starting point. Our work at Tennis Canada truly begins the day after the event,” said Valérie Tétreault, Tournament Director. “By reinvesting the proceeds generated by the National Bank Open in tennis development across the country, and particularly in Québec, Tennis Canada is helping to build healthier, more active communities while generating lasting social and economic benefits.”

About the National Bank Open

The National Bank Open presented by Rogers is a world-class tournament owned and operated by Tennis Canada. As a WTA 1000 and ATP Tour Masters 1000 tournament, it will showcase the world’s top tennis players in Montréal and Toronto from August 1-13. The women’s event will take place at Sobeys Stadium in Toronto, while the men’s event will be held at IGA Stadium. The National Bank Open presented by Rogers is the third-oldest title in tennis, behind only Wimbledon and the US Open. For more information and tickets, visit www.nationalbankopen.com.