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TENNIS CANADA WELCOMES THE NATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE PRESENTED BY ROGERS CLASS OF 2026-2027

13 students including six new players make up the group

[MONTREAL, QC] October 29, 2026 – Tennis Canada today announced the class of 2026-2027 for the National Tennis Centre presented by Rogers (NTC), welcoming a cohort of 13 athletes, seven of which are returning athletes and six new recruits. The group includes players from Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia.

“We’re excited to welcome the 2026-2027 NTC class, one of our largest groups to date, and support these athletes as they take the next steps toward competing at the highest levels of the sport,” said Guillaume Marx, Vice President of High Performance at Tennis Canada. “With six new players joining a strong group of returning athletes, we’re looking forward to seeing how they grow and challenge themselves throughout the season. Our world-renowned coaches and staff are eager to help each player reach their full potential, providing the expertise, resources and support they need to take the next steps in their development.”

Below is the complete list of the class of 2026-2027, in alphabetical order:

PLAYER	FORMER CLUB	HOMETOWN	BIRTH YEAR
Avery Alexander	Gomez Tennis Academy	Sudbury, Ontario	2009
Andrea Cabio	Barcelona Tennis Academy	Milton, Ontario	2009
Antoine Clavel	Tennis 13 – Académie de Tennis Ménard et associés	Laval, Quebec	2009
Caden Colburne	Atlantic Tennis Centre	Truro, Nova Scotia	2009
Joni Colburne	Regional Training Centre – Montreal	Truro, Nova Scotia	2012
Emma Cuirassier	Tennis Montréal Excellence	Montreal, Quebec	2012
Elisabeth Djabourian	Tennis 13 – Académie de Tennis Ménard et associés	Laval, Quebec	2011
Antoine Généreux	Académie de tennis UNI(T)	Boischatel, Quebec	2009
Victoria Koniouchine	Tennis Montréal Excellence	Montreal, Quebec	2012
Callum Mackinnon	Granite Club	Toronto, Ontario	2010
Clémence Mercier	Tennis 13 – Académie de Tennis Ménard et associés	Saint-Roch-Ouest, Quebec	2008
Andrea Taylor	Regional Training Centre – Toronto	Pickering, Ontario	2009
Andy Tchinda Kepche	Club Avantage Multi-Sports / Académie de tennis Aliassime	Quebec City, Quebec	2009

Since the NTC was established in 2007, 77 players have trained at the Centre, reflecting its ongoing role in developing Canada’s top tennis talent. Its alumni include current and former Top 10 players Bianca Andreescu, Félix Auger-Aliassime, Eugenie Bouchard, Victoria Mboko and Milos Raonic.



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The six new NTC members are Avery Alexander, Andrea Cabio, Joni Colburne, Emma Cuirassier, Elisabeth Djabourian and Victoria Koniouchine. They join returning students Antoine Clavel, Caden Colburne, Antoine Généreux, Callum Mackinnon, Clémence Mercier, Andrea Taylor and Andy Tchinda Kepche to form the 2026-2027 class.

MEDIA NOTES

- Since opening in 2007, the NTC has welcomed 77 players, past and present.
- 14 graduates currently compete on the professional tours, while five attend NCAA DI schools.
- NTC students receive over 1,200 hours of tennis training and 600 hours of study annually.
- The 2026-2027 class includes six new members and seven returning athletes.
- Members of this year's class have achieved notable results in 2026:
 - **Avery Alexander:** Won two J200 titles (singles and doubles) and competed in her first WTA-level event at the National Bank Open presented by Rogers qualifiers.
 - **Andrea Cabio:** Won a J200 doubles title and reached the J300 Repentigny semi-finals.
 - **Antoine Clavel:** Won a J200 doubles title and his first career singles title at a J60.
 - **Caden Colburne:** Won six doubles titles and the U18 Fischer Indoors singles title.
 - **Joni Colburne:** Won her first title (J60 doubles) and represented Canada at the U14 finals.
 - **Emma Cuirassier:** Reached her first World Tennis final at the J60 in Halifax.
 - **Elisabeth Djabourian:** Won two doubles titles and represented Canada at the Junior Billie Jean King Cup.
 - **Antoine Généreux:** Won a J100 doubles title and recently served as a hitting partner for Félix Auger-Aliassime.
 - **Victoria Koniouchine:** Represented Canada at the U14 World Junior Tennis in April.
 - **Callum Mackinnon:** Won two J60 titles and the U16 Fischer Outdoors doubles title; represented Canada at the Junior Davis Cup.
 - **Clémence Mercier:** Won four titles, reached consecutive second rounds at Women's \$75K events in October, and recently committed to UCLA.
 - **Andrea Taylor:** Won two doubles titles and the U18 Fischer Outdoors doubles title.
 - **Andy Tchinda Kepche:** Won six doubles titles and the U18 Fischer Outdoors singles title.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the National Tennis Centre presented by Rogers.

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



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