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### **The 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of the National Bank Open Junior Championships is officially launched**

**Repentigny, August 27, 2017** – This afternoon, the launch of the 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of the National Bank Canadian Open Junior Championships (NBCJOC) took place at Larochelle park, in Repentigny. It was an opening ceremony that allowed two Canadians to perform on the central court. Christina Popescu, the first Quebecker to win honors at the NBOJOC in 1996, was present on the bleachers to witness the matches of the day. Nicaise MUAMBA, originally from Gatineau, lost on his first round, whereas Laval resident Leylah Annie FERNANDEZ won against her opponent.

#### **On the boy's side**

The first Canadian to have put foot on the central court this year was Nicaise MUAMBA. This year was his second year at the National Bank Canadian Open Junior Championships. He competed against an opponent who actually notably accessed the main draw following two victories at the Wimbledon junior tournament earlier this summer, Joao Reis DA SILVA. This Brazilian definitely knew how to make himself noticed during his first visit to Repentigny, winning by 3 sets with the marks 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3.

#### **On the girl's side**

The Canadian Leylah Annie FERNANDEZ competed against Sada NAHIMANA (BDI). It's in 2 sets that the Laval resident quickly beat the Burundian by the marks of 6-3, 6-3.

On the other courts, Layne SLEETH, another of our Canadians, won against Frederica ROSSI (ITA) by the marks of 6-1, 6-1. She will pass to the second round against Viktoria MORVAYOVA (SVK), the 14th seeded player, a match not too be missed!

#### **Start of double matches**

The first round of the double matches started today with the Canadians Michel-Alexandre FORTIN, Simon LABBÉ, Raphael ARCHAMBAULT-LAURIN, Mathieu MORIN, Chih Chi HUANG et Nicaise MUAMBA. The two first duos lost 6-2, 6-0 et 6-3, 6-0 while Canadians HUANG and MUAMBA will compete against BOSANCIC (AUS)/SMITH(GBR) this evening.

**The featured tournament matches will be presented in the evenings.**

**The National Bank Canadian junior open Championships is one the best tournaments of international caliber opposing the best players from 14 to 18 years-old coming from about thirty different countries. The tournament is the only level 1 international event in Canada as well as being named among the five best international tournaments by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).**

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