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**Layne Sleeth in finals at the National Bank Open Junior Championships**

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This afternoon on the central court of the National Bank Open Junior Championships the boys and girls simple demi-finals took place. In evening, the double-finals took place as well. It was a victory for the young Canadian, who was celebrating her birthday two weeks ago, and continues her journey all the way to finals.

**On the boy's side**

The demi-finals this afternoon consisted of two long matches. The first match was battled between Aiden MCHUGH (GBR) and Matheus PUCINELLI DE ALMEIDA (BRA). The match started and finished with breaks of serve from PUCINELLI DE ALMEIDA (BRA) allowing the Brazilian to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 and go to finals. The second male match opposed the third seeded player of the tournament Marko MILADINOVIC (SRB) against Duje AJDUKOVIC (CRO). Even though the young Croatian holding 125th position at the *International Tennis Federation* (ITF), AJDUKOVIC faced MILADINOVIC (SRB), he unfortunately found himself defeated with the marks of 6-4, 6-2.

**On the girl's side**

The Canadian Layne SLEETH did a great job once again on the central court against the fourth seeded player of the tournament Sofia SEWING from the United States. Her remarkable services and her self-control helped her find her place to finals with a victory of 6-2, 7-5. The athlete actually told a journalist: « My goal was to exhaust her to make her even more mad » during an interview. Tomorrow she will be competing against the first seeded player of the tournament Marta KOSTYUK (UKR).

## Double matches

The first match of the night opposed BOULAIS and VAGRAMOV from Canada against CHEN (TPE) [4] and SATO (JPN). After having won the first set 6-4, the Canadians let the second one go with the marks 4-6. The *super tie-break* is where the show happened. The Canadian duo looked like they were going for a win but their opponents made their way up by 8 consecutive points, all the way up to victory. CHEN (TPE) and SATO (JPN) therefore brought themselves to finals with the marks of 4-6, 6-4, 10-8. Afterwards, the duo composed of MUAMBA and HUANG from Canada were battling the Japanese and Russian HAZAWA and ZAKHAROV [6]. It's after having lost the first set of 0-6, that the Canadians came back with force in the second set winning 7-5. A decisive *super tie-break* then followed. Both duos had a very heated dispute during the last set which ended with the victory of ZAKHAROV (RUS) [6] and HAZAWA (JPN) with a score of 12-10.

## Matches not to be missed

Tomorrow is the awaited day of the tournament. The single finals will take place on the central court as of 1h00 pm. Don't miss your chance to see the first seeded player of the tournament Marta KOSTYUK (UKR) who will compete against the Canadian Layne SLEETH who has not missed a chance to surprise us since the start of the tournament. We will also be able to assist a match who will oppose the third seeded player, Serbian Marko MILADINOVIC and Brazilian Matheus PUCINELLI DE ALMEIDA.

**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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