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# A 34th edition packed with high-level tennis

**Repentigny, August 25th 2019** – Faithful to tradition, the National Bank Canadian Junior Open Championship's 34<sup>th</sup> edition kicked off today with some very high level tennis. The tournament is the only category grade 1 in Canada, having featured some of the biggest names in professional tennis, including Felix Auger-Aliassime, Denis Shapovalov and Bianca Andreescu. Today also marked the appearance of four Canadians of the central court.

### On the girls side

For the girls' opening match, Sarah-Maude Fortin of Quebec competed against American Kylie Collins. The young American won in two set of 6-3 and 6-2.

Mélodie Collard (CAN) delivered a great performance in a 3 and a half hours match against Daria Freyman (RUS). In the end Mélodie, despite undeniable support from the crowd, lost in three sets of 6-2, 5-7 and 7-6(5).

Many Canadian girls were eliminated in the first round. We will still have the chance to watch Ariana Arseneault and Rachel Hanford perform in the second round.

# On the boys side

Canadian Joshua Lapadat had the best of the Italian Bruno Oliveira 6-0, 6-3 while the local favorite, Antoine Marleau fought a great battle against the American Alex KinKelstein but he was defeated in three sets of 6-2, 3-6 and 6-3.

#### Not to be missed tomorrow

The long-awaited arrival of the seeded players on the central court will take place tomorrow with the presence of Lavallois Taha Baadi.

## **About the National Bank Canadian Junior Open Championships**

The National Bank Canadian Junior Open Championships is celebrating its 34<sup>th</sup> edition in Repentigny. Being one of the most important world tournaments in its category, the best players aged 14 to 18 from all over the world compete in an event in which skil level and talent are worthy of the Rogers Cup. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to find out about the latest news.

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