



## Press release

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### The favourites continue their journeys

**Repentigny, August 29, 2022** - On this second day of the National Bank Junior Tennis Internationals, despite the oppressive heat, boys and girls seeded players made their debut on the courts of Larochelle Park in Repentigny. The star match of the evening was held between the Swiss Kilian Feldbaush, 1st favourite, and Canadian Edward Stan. In the first set, the Swiss dominated in all aspects of the game, with long shots and a powerful serve. Feldbaush won the match 6–3, 6–0.

#### About the girls

The match between Alberta's Martyna Ostrzygalo, ranked 168th in the world among juniors, before an appointment with a seeded player with winning against the French Sarah Iliev, did not get the result she wanted. Australia's Taylah Preston (2nd) points the exit to Ostrzygalo, 6-0, 6-3. In an interview after her match, Preston was proud of her victory, but there is still a long way to go before winning the title.

« [...] I felt good on the court [...] I have to improve my game [...] around the net like my volleys and my services." American Erin Ha, from qualifying, continues to advance in the tournament with a win against another qualifier, Canadian Neda Rahimkhani. Ha is now up against Canada's Mia Kupres (7th), a National Tennis Centre athlete ranked 46th in the junior category. Alexia Jacobs, ranked 151st in the world, won her match in two sets, 6-3 and 6-4, against Puerto Rican Natalia Perez. Her next rival is Japan's Hayu Kinoshita (10th). Slovakia's Irina Balus (6th), 40th in the world among the juniors, wins against Korea's Yujin Kim, ranked 477th. Kim won her match the day before against Montreal's Sarah L'Allier.

#### About the boys

Canada's William Bartram defeated compatriot Ange-Kevin Koua in three sets, 6–4, 4–6, 6–3. He obtained his place for the second round and will face Mexican Luis Carlos Alvarez Valdes (14th). The scenario is similar for Canadian Duncan Chan who had the upper hand over his compatriot Kuang Qing Xu 7-6(4), 6-3. In his next match, Chan will face Frenchman Arthur Gea (4th), ranked 39th in the world.

Quebec's Stéphane Pierre-Jo Kamendje offered good resistance against the Lithuanian (2nd), but Edas Butvilasa had the last laugh by winning 6-4, 6-4. In the early evening matchup, Canadian Adam Faragcao had to pack up after his loss to American Joseph Phillips, 2-6, 7-6(3), 7-5. Phillips played smartly in forcing the Canadian to make mistakes in the most critical moments.

The American was able to keep his calm on serve and that's what made the difference in this toughly contested three set match.

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