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## **Rain spares the tournament**

Repentigny, August 24, 2025 – The organizers of the Repentigny National Bank Junior Tennis Internationals were fully prepared. Everything was in place to hold the first-round main draw matches indoors if the rain forecast for the past week at the tournament's opening ceremony spoiled the fun. Fortunately, the scheduled matches were able to take place outdoors, at Larochelle Park.

The first-round matches featured qualifiers and players who'd been handed a wild card from Tennis Canada. The stage was set for a crack at round two and the seeded players.

### **Centre Court Results**

The first match on centre court pitted Quebec's wild card Ève Thibault, against Sophia Budacsek (USA). After a three-hour see-saw battle, Budacsek won the match, 6-4, 7-6 (3). Thibault trains at Repentigny's Momentum Tennis Academy. The 16-year-old American was the 2025 J60 singles champion in Santa Tecla.

In the second clash of the day, Quebec's Mathias Hamel-Van Dun faced Canadian Benjamin Azar. Coming in from the qualifying round, this was a tall order for Hamel Van-Dun, given Azar's two titles in 2025: the J100 San Jose (singles) and the J100 Verbier (doubles). The 16-year-old Ontarian won the match, 6-1, 6-2.

### **In the girl's competition**

Qualifying Quebecer Neda Rahimkhani faced American Kayla Brianne Moore. The Gatineau resident won the match in three sets, 1-6, 6-4, 6-1. Rahimkhani, 17, previously won silver with Team Quebec at the 2025 Canada Games.

American Sena Yoon faced qualifier Mirka Delaney. Yoon won the match, 6-1, 6-2. The 15-year-old American holds the J60 in Singapore 2025 title.

Fellow American Carrie-Anne Hoo faced Catherine Xie (CAN), holder of a Tennis Canada wild card to the main draw. Hoo won it 6-0, 6-2. At 16 years of age, Hoo is the winner of last year's J100 doubles tournament in Quebec City as well as the J60 doubles in Fredericton.

In a tightly fought battle, Thara Gowda (USA) topped Canada's Avery Alexander 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-2. The 16-year-old Gowda has two singles titles in 2025: the J100 in Kingston and the J60 in Eau Claire.

American Kennedy Drenser-Hagmann faced Canadian Elicia Lin, who had received an exemption from Tennis Canada. Drenser-Hagmann, 16, won the faceoff 6-4, 6-0. She has also won the doubles side at the J200 in Veracruz earlier this year.

Two qualifiers met on Larochelle Park's centre court: Alexia Campagna from Repentigny, who trains at the Momentum Tennis Academy, and Anastasia Pleskun (USA). The latter, No.1 seed in the qualifying round, won 6-2, 6-2. Pleskun also triumphed at the J30 in Halifax in 2024.

**On the boys' side**, two Canadians faced off in round one: Andy Tchinda Kepche, who had a bye, and Gary Jiang. The 16-year-old Jiang won the dual 6-2, 6-3. The BC native won two singles titles in 2024: the J60 in Langley and the J30 event in Winnipeg.

Two other Canadians, who had previously obtained exemptions from Tennis Canada, squared off against one another: with Enoch Lin beating Antoine G  n  reux 1-6, 7-5, 6-3. The 17-year-old native of Alberta has three doubles titles to his credit so far this year: the J100 in Vancouver, the J60 in Edmonton, and the J60 on Nuns' Island.

USA's Owen Guistwite eliminated Canada's Caden Colburne with a 6-2, 7-6, (3) victory. Guisewite, 17, excelled in doubles at the 2025 J100 in Quebec City.

Antoine Clavel, who held a wild card from Tennis Canada, lost his matchup 6-3, 6-3 to American Sean Grosman. The 16-year-old American has two singles titles in 2025, the J60 in Veracruz and the J60 in Tabasco.

Finally, two Canadians faced off on the main court: Loic Massote (qualifier) and Joshua Adamson, with Adamson winning 6-1, 6-3. The 15-year-old Ontarian excelled in singles in 2025, winning the J60 in Timisoara and the J60 in Guatemala.

### **What to watch for tomorrow**

Tournament top-seed, Mika Stojstavljevic (GBR), ranked 15th in the ITF rankings, will be on centre court tomorrow evening. Last year's US Open junior champion, at just 15 years of age, she was runner-up at Wimbledon's junior doubles, a fourth-place finisher at the

ITF Junior Finals, and has already achieved notable performances on the professional tour.

**Free admission**

One thing remains unchanged at the Repentigny National Bank Junior Tennis Internationals: free admission to Laroche Park and main court stands to witness all the action.

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