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Rain Spoils Tournament Finals...Again

Repentigny, August 30, 2025 – The Repentigny National Bank Junior Tennis Internationals management and Tennis Canada representatives didn't have it easy on Saturday during the finals of the 38th edition of the tournament.

They had to contend with intermittent but persistent rain. Around 11:15 a.m., they made the heartbreaking decision—for the organizers, players, and tennis fans—to move the finals indoors to the Repentigny Recreation Center for a second consecutive year.

For the players, preparing to play indoors is a completely different adjustment, but the four players concerned responded very well.

In the first match, young French sensation and fourth seed, Ksenia Efremova, faced seventh seed Yihan Qu (CHN); a very good duel was expected. Efremova won the toss and chose to receive. A wise choice, as she immediately broke her opponent, taking a 1-0 lead. In this first set, the rallies were intense, which provided for awesome tennis for the many spectators who had come to watch the match. Tennis fans were glued to their seats as the players played high-energy games.

The set was closely contested at 3-3 when the French darling broke her opponent and was untroubled in the first set, allowing her to close it out at 6-3. This seemed to destabilize her opponent, as at the start of the second set, the Chinese player was unsteady. Her forehand, so precise in the first set, seemed to falter, while the Frenchwoman stepped up, firing off a string of forehand and backhand winners. Yihan Qu gave it all, but in the end, Ksenia Efremova delivered a real tennis lesson by winning the second set 6-0.

A tough matchup in the boys' final

In the second final of the day, Luis Guto Miguel (BRA/3) faced Gavin Goode (USA/11). Both players had had a great run leading up to the final, and fans knew from the warm-up that this was going to be a barnburner. Once again, the Brazilian won the toss, chose to receive, and won his bet by taking the lead in the first set. However, in the fourth game, the American came back strongly and broke his opponent. The tone was set. Then, a series of service wins brought the players to a tiebreaker, and the intensity cranked up a notch.

Both players gave all they had to win this set, but in the end, Guto Miguel emerged victorious, winning the break 7-2.

A dramatic turn of events occurred at the end of the first set when the Brazilian requested physiotherapy. Back into the game, he no longer had the strength to serve big first serves and often overhanded, which destabilized his opponent. Miguel otherwise remained focused and scored incredible points throughout the rallies. He took a 4-2 lead and never looked intimidated afterward. Miguel won the match 6-2 and took the title, much to the delight of the crowd.

See you all next year

The 39th edition of the Repentigny National Bank Junior Tennis Internationals will take place from August 30 to September 5, 2026, at Parc Larochelle. All tournament results and details are available at itjr.ca.

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