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Top Seed Makes a Successful Debut

Repentigny, August 30, 2026 – **On the second day of the Internationaux, the seeded players began making their appearances on Centre Court. The day started under pleasant weather conditions, but the weather later took a turn for the worse, resulting in a lengthy delay before play could resume.**

On Centre Court

Canadian Antoine Clavel, who received a Tennis Canada wild card, faced a tough challenge against top seed Leonardo Storck Franca (BRA). It was a one-sided affair, as the Brazilian needed just two quick sets, 6-3, 6-2, to eliminate the Canadian.

The highly anticipated debut of the top seed in the girls' draw and world No. 2 junior Ksenia Efremova (FRA) did not disappoint. The 2025 tournament champion returns to Repentigny to defend her title and is considered one of the best players of her generation. Her opponent was American Kalista Papadopoulos.

In the first set, the French player struggled to find her rhythm, committing a series of unforced errors. However, she quickly regained control, winning the next six games to take the opening set. The second set was smooth sailing for Efremova, who secured a 6-3, 6-3 victory.

Repentigny native Ève Thibault faced a tough challenge in the opening set against Alisa Terentyeva [12]. The lengthy rain delay appeared to help Thibault, who returned to the court with renewed confidence. A tiebreak was needed to decide the second set, but Terentyeva ultimately prevailed, 6-0, 7-6(8).

In the evening, Quebec's Clémence Mercier defeated American Anita Tu [8] by a score of 6-2, 7-5. In the third round, she will face Alisa Terentyeva [12], who defeated Ève Thibault.

Following a lengthy rain delay, Ontario's Felix Roussel defeated American lucky loser Sulaiman Syed, 6-3, 6-0. In the third round, he will face fifth-seeded Briton Mark Ceban.

Several Seeds Advance in the Main Draw

Girls

Ksenia Efremova (FRA) [1] vs. Kalista Papadopoulos (USA), 6-3, 6-3
Renee Alame (AUS) [2] vs. Teaghan Jou An Keys (USA) Q, 6-2, 6-3
Lujza Beviz (HUN) [3] vs. Ava Quincy Brewer (USA), 6-3, 6-3
Ilary Pistola (ITA) [5] vs. Ran Wakana (JPN), 7-6(6), 6-3
Holly Smart (GBR) [9] vs. Camille Allegre (USA), 1-6, 6-4, 6-3
Avery Alexander (CAN) [10] vs. Anastasia Pleskun (USA), 6-3, 6-4
Alisa Terentyeva [12] vs. Ève Thibault (CAN), 6-0, 7-6(8)

Seeds Eliminated

Andrea Cabio (CAN) vs. Siyoen Sim (KOR) [11], 6-3, 6-3
Clémence Mercier (CAN) vs. Anita Tu (USA) [12], 6-2, 7-5

Boys

Leonardo Storck Franca (BRA) [1] vs. Antoine Clavel (CAN), 6-3, 6-0
Tito Chavez (ESP) [3] vs. Antoine Gagnéux (CAN), 7-5, 6-2
Mark Ceban (GBR) [5] vs. Erik Schinnerer (USA), 6-1, 7-6(4), 6-3
Simone Massellani (ITA) [6] vs. Aaron Gabet (FRA), 6-4, 6-2
Kai Thompson (HKG) [7] vs. Chase Bowden (USA), 6-1, 2-6, 6-2
Kanta Watanabe (JPN) [8] vs. Quincy Yao (CAN), 6-3, 6-0
Pedro Henrique Chabalgoity (BRA) [9] vs. Loic Massotte (CAN), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3
Vihaan Reddy (USA) [12] vs. Ranak Pajpani (CAN) Q, 6-4, 7-6(1)
Filippo Alfano (ITA) [13] vs. Brayden Woo (CAN), 6-4, 6-1
Rhys Lawlor (GBR) [15] vs. Pedro Albuquerque Dietrich (BRA), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
Rihards Neimanis (LAT) [16] vs. Thomas O'Neill (CAN) WC, 6-2, 6-2
Valentin Gonzalez-Galino (ESP) [14] vs. Eito Komada (JPN), 6-2, 6-3

Seeds Eliminated

Kamil Stolarczyk (USA) vs. Raffaele Ciurnelli (ITA) [2], 6-2, 6-1
Marcel Latak (USA) vs. Hyu Kawanishi (JPN) [4], 6-4, 7-6(2)

What to Watch Tomorrow

On Monday, the second round will conclude and third-round matches will get underway. Canadians to watch include Andrea Cabio, Avery Alexander — the 16-year-old world No. 68 junior and the highest-ranked member of the Canadian delegation entered in the tournament — and Quebec's Clémence Mercier.

The 39th edition of the Internationaux de tennis junior Banque Nationale continues at Parc Larochelle in Repentigny through Friday. Tournament details and schedules are available at itjr.ca.

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