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**Surprise:
Masa Janković Upsets the Favorite, and Only One Canadian
Remains in the Main Singles Draw la favorite et une seule
Canadienne toujours dans le tableau principal en simple**

Repentigny, August 31, 2026 – To everyone’s surprise, Serbian player Masa Janković defeated favorite Ksenia Efremova in two sets, 6-4, 7-6(11). She will now face Ontario’s Andrea Cabio, who won her match earlier in the day against Italy’s Ilary Pistola [5].

Featured Match

From the very start, the match between the two players was played at the level of a final. Neither player gave her opponent any room to gain the upper hand. Janković’s first serve was particularly impressive, and she quickly took a 4-1 lead in the opening set. However, Efremova did not let that discourage her and fought back to level the score. Through sheer determination, Janković eventually won the first set.

The second set followed the same pattern, with fast-paced exchanges throughout. The match had to be decided in a tiebreak, and, to everyone’s surprise, the Serbian player came out on top, winning 6-4, 7-6(11).

In her post-match interview, Janković reflected on her performance and on defeating the favorite: “I played a good match. I knew I could win. I’m really enjoying my experience at the tournament, and I hope to keep progressing.”

On Centre Court

Clémence Mercier got things underway in a match against Alisa Terentyeva [12]. The latter won in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4. At just 16 years old, Terentyeva already has an impressive career ahead of her. In 2025, she reached the finals at the J200 Hong Kong, J300 Astana (Kazakhstan), and J100 Dakahlia tournaments.

In the quarterfinals, her next opponent will be the winner of the match between Ukraine's Antonina Sushkova [4] and American Reiley Rhodes.

In the second match, Canadian Avery Alexander faced British player Daniella Britton [5] in a battle of titans that ended in three sets in favor of Britton after 3 hours and 30 minutes of competition under the blazing sun. The highest-ranked Canadian entered in the tournament never gave up after losing the opening set in a tiebreak. At just 15 years old, the British player is emerging as one of the major revelations in her country's junior tennis scene.

Late in the afternoon, Andrea Cabio (CAN) faced Italy's Ilary Pistola [5]. The Ontario player needed three sets to defeat the world No. 43 junior, winning 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. Andrea Cabio is also a young Canadian player to watch. Ranked No. 167, she continues to make progress on the international junior circuit, and the experience she has gained at international tournaments will be an important asset for her this week.

In her post-match interview, she said: "I'm very happy to be playing in my country and representing Canada. I've played at the tournament a few times already, and this is my best result."

Players to Watch Tomorrow

In the featured match at 6:30 p.m., second seed Germany's Renee Alame will face American Carrie-Anne Hoo [14], who won the doubles title in 2025 with her compatriot Kaya Moe.

The 39th edition of the Banque Nationale Junior International Tennis Championships is being held at Parc Larochelle in Repentigny through Friday. For all tournament details and schedules, visit itjr.ca.

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