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Singles Finals: Brits Shine and Latak Rises to the Occasion

Repentigny, September 4, 2026 – After two consecutive years of presenting the singles finals indoors due to rain, visitors were treated to two outdoor finals this year at Larochelle Park in Repentigny, offering quite a show. It took very little for the British players to achieve a historic sweep in the singles events of this J300 category tournament, as they occupied three of the four available spots in the finals.

The British strictly missed out on a clean sweep of the singles titles at this J300 category event, with three players reaching the boys' and girls' finals. On the boys' side, American Marcel Latak caused a major upset by capturing the title against the 15th seed, Rhys Lawlor. Despite the singles defeat, Lawlor was far from leaving empty-handed; he bounced back alongside compatriot Mark Ceban to claim the doubles title.

On the girls' side

The singles final was played between two British players, 6th seed Daniella Britton and 9th seed Hollie Smart. Britton came out on top in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2. At only 15 years old, Daniella Britton had an outstanding run in the main draw. In the third round, she faced Canada's Avery Alexander, the 10th seed, winning in three tight sets, 7-6(2), 6-7(4), 7-6(2). As a reminder, Alexander was the highest-ranked Canadian entered in the tournament. She is among the top 70 juniors in the world and is one of the most promising Canadian players of her generation. Furthermore, she has achieved several major results on the ITF junior circuit.

In the quarterfinals, Britton eliminated 16th seed Nancy Lee of the United States in three sets, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4. In the semifinals, it was Canadian Andrea Cabio's turn to be knocked out of the main draw, as she was forced to retire in the second set due to an injury. Cabio can be proud of her run, having won over the crowd all week by eliminating the 11th

seed, the 5th seed, and Serbia's Masa Janković—who had defeated top seed Ksenia Efremova of France in the third round.

In the duel against her compatriot Hollie Smart, Daniella Britton quickly took the lead, 4-1, in the first set, dominating with her serve and shot placement. The first set ended with a score of 6-1. The dominance continued into the second set, 6-2.

Latak: the big surprise of the tournament

There are some players who experience a dream week during a tournament. This is the case for American Marcel Latak. The first upset came in the second round when he eliminated 4th seed Hyu Kawanishi of Japan, 6-1, 6-2. In the third round, he faced 16th seed Rihards Neimanis of Latvia and won 7-5, 7-6(2).

In the quarterfinals, 6th seed Simone Massellani of Italy was Latak's opponent. The latter won in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3. In the semifinals, he faced 5th seed Mark Ceban of Great Britain and won in two sets, 6-3, 7-5. It is worth mentioning that the British duo and 5th seeds, Mark Ceban and Rhys Lawlor, are the doubles champions.

In the final, Latak continued to surprise against 15th seed Rhys Lawlor of Great Britain. However, the latter had started strong by winning the first set 6-0, dominating in every aspect. In the second set, the spark that revived the American came when he won the first game, shifting the momentum of the match in Latak's favor, who went on to win the second set 6-4 and the third set 7-5.

A 40th edition to watch out for in 2027

The 40th edition of the National Bank Internationaux de tennis junior will take place from August 24 to September 3, 2027, at Larochelle Park. All results and tournament details can be found at itjr.ca.

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