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### National Bank Canadian Open Junior Championships **FOUR CANADIANS WILL TAKE PART IN THE SECOND ROUND**

Repentigny, Sunday, August 30, 2009. – The Canadian Open Junior Championships has started today. During the first round, at least four Canadians defeated their opponent.

#### The Canadians

Many Canadian players made Canada proud today. First, the Quebecoise **Élisabeth Abanda**, ranked 188<sup>th</sup>, defeated Grace Sari Ysidora, ranked 56<sup>th</sup>, from Indonesia in two sets 6-4 and 6-3 this morning. The U16 national champion **Edward Nguyen** who is ranked 407<sup>th</sup> from Ontario got the better of the No. 43 ranked Renzo Olivo (ARG) in a gruelling match 6-4 et 7(6)-6. Canadian top junior **Katarina Paliivets**, ranked 53<sup>th</sup> in the ITF ranking, prevailed against the British Stephanie Cornish (54<sup>th</sup>) 6-3 7(5)-6. From British Columbia, **Kristina Blajkevitch** (142<sup>th</sup>) also defeated the Indian Kyra Shroff (122<sup>th</sup>) 6-1 6-7(3) 6-0.

Other Canadians couldn't reach the second round. **No. 450 ranked Damien David** is among them. The athlete from the city of Assomption has fought very hard during three sets before giving in to the **103-ranked Polish, Bartosz Sawicki**, 4-6 6-3 6-3. After winning the first set, **Marianne Jodoin** fell behind Jessica Pegula from USA during the two last sets; the match ended 4-6 6-3 6-4. The young **Rosaline Dion** who is ranked 1859<sup>th</sup> has tried her hardest against the No. 87 ranked German, Anikka Beck, but didn't prevail. Indeed, the match ended 6-2 6-1. The same happened to the 1184-ranked Marie-Frédérique Bédard against the No. 325 ranked American, Hai-Li Kong, 6-3 6-4. Jean- Michel Blouin couldn't win either against Patrik Brydolf from Sweden 6-1 7-5. The German Sina Haas who is ranked 50<sup>th</sup> overcame her opponent the Quebecoise Elianne Douglas-Miron, ranked 155<sup>th</sup>, 6-1 6-2.

One of the most promising Canadian juniors **Gabriela Dabrowski** was defeated by the Japanese Risa Ozaki 6-3 7-5. No. 133 ranked **Nikolai Haessing** could not overcome John Morrissey from Ireland (60<sup>th</sup>) 6-1- 6-3. **Zachary White** (118<sup>th</sup>) fell behind Sebastien Lavie (51<sup>th</sup>) from New-Zealand 6-4 6-2. The American Sachia Vickery (112<sup>th</sup>) got the better of U16 national winner **Amy He** (759<sup>th</sup>) 6-1 6-1. No 1349 ranked Kristina Sanjevic from Alberta was defeated by No. 85 ranked Ilinca Stoica from Roumania 6-3 6-1.

No. 1503 ranked Carol Zhao was defeated by Grace Min ranked 136<sup>e</sup> from the USA 6-2 6-1. From Ontario, Dominique Harmath ranked 793<sup>th</sup> had to submit to the American Ester Goldfeld (121<sup>th</sup>) 6-3 6-1. Sebastien King was defeated by the American Michael Zhu (705<sup>e</sup>) 3-6 7-6(3) 6-2. Andrew Ochotta from Ontario could not prevail against Nick Chappell from the United States 6-3 6-4.

**IMPORTANT**

All the tournament seeds will start playing tomorrow for the second competitions day, since their ITF ranking made them skip the first round.

Tomorrow around 6:30 pm there will be a doubles match between the Canadians **Damien David**/Sebastien King and Sudanwa Sitaram (IND)/ **Zachary White** (CAN). Following this match on the Centre Court in the Parc Larochelle, there will be a feature match between first-seeded **Noppawan Lertcheewakarn**, who prevailed at Wimbledon this year, and the No. 130 ranked American, Jessica Pegula. This event is free.

The scores and the order of play are available on the tournament's website: [www.tennis-junior-repentigny.com](http://www.tennis-junior-repentigny.com).

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