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### INOUE AND OBRY ARE THE 2009 CHAMPIONS CANADIAN OPEN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Repentigny, September 5th, 2008 (5: 30 pm)** – Miyabi Inoue from Japan and Julien Obry from France earned the National Bank Canadian Open Junior Championships singles titles.

Today, **Nicole Gibbs** (USA) who was the 2008 runner- up had another chance to be the Canadian Open Junior Championships champion. However, the No. 81 ranked American was defeated again. At the beginning, Gibbs was getting the better of the fifteenth-ranked Japanese with her strong serv. When the score was 4-1, the American started losing her self-esteem and the number four seed from Japan succeeded to win four games in a row. Both fighting hard, the two players didn't want to give up the first set. Despite Gibbs' good try, **Miyabi Inoue** won the tie break.

During the second set, Gibbs made a lot of mistakes and was unable to follow the fourth-seeded Inoue. The American earned the first game, but, afterwards, the Japanese got several games in a row. Having lost her self-esteem, Nicole Gibbs was defeated 6-2 in the last set. Thus, she remains a Canadian Open Junior Championships runner- up.

#### **Julien Obry Prevails**

The assistance witnessed very powerful exchanges this afternoon. **Agustin Velotti** (ARG) and **Julien Obry** (FRA) both did their best, but one had to prevail. No. 11 ranked Obry did very well during the beginning of the first set. He made the assistance think he was going to win the first set, since the score was 5-0. However, second-seeded Velotti succeeded to come through and the set ended 7-5. Then, the Frenchman got the better of the Argentinian in the two other sets 6-3 and 6-1. Although Velotti is a very skilled player; the number two seed could not keep up with Obry's velocity. This win comes at the right time for Julien Obry, since he celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday yesterday.

Let's not forget the doubles champions. The girls winners are the Canadian Gabriela Dabrowski and Paula Ormaechea (ARG). Liang-Chi Huang from Taipei and Duilio Beretta from Peru were crowned also doubles champions.

Soon you'll be able to watch the matches on the tournament website.

#### **The 2010 Canadian Open Junior Championships**

Next year, it will be the 25th edition of the tournament. It will be from August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There will be two spokespersons. The first one is the mayor of the city of Repentigny, Chantal Deschamps. The sports journalist and radio host Rodger Brulotte who has already been the tournament spokesperson will host the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations with the mayor.

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