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# MISSISSAUGA'S BIANCA ANDREESCU WINS ROGERS CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

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Mississauga's Bianca Andreescu has become the first Canadian in 50 years to win a Rogers Cup championship.

Andreescu, 19, was up 3-1 in the first set of the women's singles final on Sunday (Aug. 11) at Toronto's Aviva Centre when her opponent Serena Williams was forced to retire from the match after 16 minutes of play due to an upper back injury.

Andreescu bested American Sofia Kenin in a straight-sets semifinal victory Saturday (Aug. 10) to advance to the final

against the former world No. 1 Williams.

Faye Urban was the last Canadian to win the Rogers Cup title when she claimed the championship in 1969.

According to the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), Andreescu is the eighth teenager to win the Rogers Cup this century. Williams won it at age 19 in 2001.

A victory would have been Williams' first title since her return from maternity leave in 2018.

She secured her first Rogers Cup final spot in six years when she defeated Czech Marie Bouzkova in three sets on Saturday.



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Bianca Andreescu pumps her fist after a making a shot as she defeats Sofia Kenin to become the first Canadian woman in 50 years to reach the finals at Rogers Cup at Aviva Centre in Toronto.

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