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CANADA COMPLETES DOMINANT SWEEP OF FED CUP ZONAL EVENT IN MONTREAL
Home team earns coveted berth in World Group II playoff in April

The Miele Canadian Fed Cup team more than lived up to their favourites billing, imposing their will yet again on Saturday at the Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Americas Zone Group I tie in Montreal. Stéphanie Dubois (Laval, Quebec), Sharon Fichman (Toronto), Valérie Tétreault (St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec) and Aleksandra Wozniak (Blainville, Quebec) claimed top honours at the event thanks to a convincing 3-0 win over Paraguay in the championship tie, thus earning a coveted berth in a World Group II playoff in April.

Stéphanie Dubois (Laval, Quebec) and Aleksandra Wozniak (Blainville, Quebec) lost a total of two games combined en route to masterful singles victories. Dubois, ranked No. 118 on the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour rankings, disposed of Veronica Cepede Royg 6-0, 6-1 while Wozniak, ranked a career-high No. 32 in the world, was a 6-1, 6-0 victor over Rossana De Los Rios, ranked No. 95.

In the three doubles matches they contested this week, Canada lost only three games, posting five consecutive 6-0 sets thanks to the inspired play of Dubois and Fichman who were teaming up for the first time in Fed Cup play. In the nine sets they played, the Miele Canadian Fed Cup team dropped a mere 14 games, further accentuating the squad's utter domination of their opponents.

I am so proud of the girls, they wanted so much to play well at home and they certainly did, captain Rene Collins beamed after her squad clinched the win. I wanted them to play aggressive and take advantage of the fast courts, so I couldn't be more thrilled with the result.

Canada now awaits their fate for the World Group II playoff which will be played on April 25 and 26, 2009. They will face a loser from the opening round of World Group II which is also being contested this weekend. A draw will be held by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) on Tuesday, February 10 to determine each match up for the next round and where they will be played.

Mission accomplished! Wozniak commented after the match. We played motivated, inspired tennis and now Canada is back where it belongs with the best nations in the world.

The last time the Miele Canadian Fed Cup team successfully played their way into World Group II was in 2006 when they bested Argentina 4-1 on home soil in Edmonton.

Results for Saturday, February 7, 2009

Championship Final

CANADA defeated Paraguay 3-0

Stéphanie Dubois (CAN) def. Veronica Cepede Royg (PAR) 6-0, 6-1

Aleksandra Wozniak (CAN) def. Rossana De Los Rios (PAR) 6-1, 6-0

Stéphanie Dubois /Aleksandra Wozniak (CAN) def. Veronica Cepede Royg/Isaura Enrique Aguilar (PAR) 6-0, 6-3

About Fed Cup by BNP Paribas

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