

Rogers Cup

August 15-23, 2009 Rogers Cup for Russian House

Russian House Employees and Volunteers welcome to Rogers Cup !

A lot of stars will show up on the tennis-court those days. One of them is Maria Sharapova!

Sharapova to play Monday night, Clijsters plays Tuesday night, Serena on Wednesday night.

Two international wonders joined forces to officially kick off 2009 Rogers Cup in Toronto. Tennis star Maria Sharapova met the press at the top of the iconic CN Tower for the official draw of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Premier 5 event that starts tomorrow at Rexall Centre in Toronto.

"This must be the highest up I've ever been," said Sharapova in front of a throng of reporters and VIPs at an exclusive event in Horizons restaurant. "This is my first draw and I'm so excited to be back in Toronto," Tour officials conducted the digital draw Friday night and the results outline an intriguing week of tennis ahead for Canadian fans. Top eight seeds received a first-round bye.

Top seed Dinara Safina of Russia will face the winner of Alize Cornet and Aravane Rezai. Always a hot topic for tournament draws, the Williams sisters, Serena and Venus, were placed on opposite sides of the draw, which means they could face each other on Championship Sunday.

"We're thrilled to have Maria join us at such a magnificent place, the CN Tower," said Rogers Cup tournament director Karl Hale. "Tennis fans will be thrilled with one of the best player fields in recent memory." Sharapova drew compatriot Nadia Petrova while fellow Russians Anna Chakvetadze and Vera Zvonareva are also in their quarter of the draw.

Canadians learned their fate Friday night as Aleksandra Wozniak will face Alisa Kleybanova of Russia, Valerie Tetreault faces Agnes Szavay of Hungary, while Stephanie Dubois drew a qualifier.

Qualifying play gets underway Saturday at 10 a.m. and concludes Sunday. Family Weekend is free while tickets to the main draw start at \$15. For tickets, visit www.rogerscup.com or call 1-877-2-TENNIS. (this text and photo taken from the RogersCup website)

Please find all detailed information on timing and tickets here: <http://tickets.rexallcentre.com/English/EventPlanner.aspx>.