



## TOURNAMENT NOTES

*as of July 7, 2013*

### 6TH ANNUAL COOPER CHALLENGER WATERLOO, ON - JUNE 29 - JULY 7, 2013

#### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Site:** Waterloo Tennis Club - Waterloo, ON

**Website:** [www.cooperchallenger.com](http://www.cooperchallenger.com)

**Qualifying Draw Begins:** Saturday, June 29

**Main Draw Begins:** Monday, July 1

**Main Draw:** 32 Singles / 16 Doubles

**Surface:** Clay / Outdoor

**Prize Money:** \$50,000

**Tournament Director:**  
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#### PRIZE MONEY / POINTS

SINGLES	Prize Money	Ranking Points
Winner	\$7,315	70
Runner-up	\$3,990	50
Semifinalist	\$2,185	32
Quarterfinalist	\$1,235	18
Round of 16	\$760	10
Round of 32	\$475	1

DOUBLES	Prize Money (per team)
Winner	\$2,660
Runner-up	\$1,425
Semifinalist	\$760
Quarterfinalist	\$380
Round of 16	\$285

#### Final Sunday *by Pat Craton*

She had two narrow escapes in the week but the new champion of the 2013 Cooper Challenger tennis tournament presented by Victoria Star Motors saved her best for last when the curtain came down on the sixth annual Cooper Challenger presented by Victoria Star Motors at the Waterloo Tennis Club Sunday. Julia Glushko of Israel, the no. 2 seed of the tournament and currently 129<sup>th</sup> in the world was victorious beating Canadian Gabriela Dabrowski, the no. 6 seed and no. 243 in the world 6-1, 6-3.

From the very beginning Glushko was hitting the ball better and more consistently than she had all week. She went up quickly to a 3-0 lead in the first set. On the fourth game, Dabrowski had her first point to hold serve but Glushko's return hit the net and dribbled over. It was an indication of the way the match was to turn out for Dabrowski. She then lost her serve to make it 0-4. Dabrowski's only game of the set was a break of serve. Glushko closed out the set 6-1 in just under half an hour.



**Julia Glushko**

The second set started more promisingly for Dabrowski. Both players held their serves until 2-2 when a break gave Glushko a 3-2 lead. In that game, Dabrowski was down 0-40 but climbed back to deuce only to lose the game. It



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**Gabriela Dabrowski**

must have discouraged Dabrowski or encouraged Glushko, depending on how the situation is viewed but regardless, Glushko won the next game easily to lead 4-2. Determined to make a fight of it, Dabrowski held her service game after being down 15-40 ending the game in style with a beautiful cross-court angled return off a Glushko drop shot. But another relatively easy hold gave Glushko a 5-3 lead. The last point of the set ended when Glushko again drew Dabrowski to the net then lifted the return over her head leaving the Canadian helpless at the net as the ball landed well inside the baseline. The final score was 6-1, 6-3 to Glushko in just over an hour.

The tournament win at Waterloo has brought Glushko nearer her goal of a direct entry to the main draw of the US Open but it isn't enough to make it conclusive "Her ranking might be as high as 104 when the new rankings come out Monday but it would depend on how other players perform," (results of other tournaments) said Liran Kling, Glushko's coach. He added that Glushko needs to do very well in her next tournament, a \$50,000 Challenger in Yakima, Washington State, getting to at least the semifinal but a final for sure should get her a direct entry to the Grand Slam event. This was Glushko's third appearance at the Waterloo Challenger event. She was a finalist last year losing to Sharon Fichman who was upset Saturday in a quarterfinal encounter with Dabrowski.

### Past Champions

Singles			Doubles	
Year	Champion	Finalist	Year	Champions
2012	Sharon Fichman (CAN)	Julia Glushko (ISR)	2012	Sharon Fichman - Marie-Eve Pelletier (CAN)
2011	Sharon Fichman (CAN)	Julia Boserup (USA)	2011	Alexandra Mueller - Asia Muhammed (USA)
2010	Julia Cohen (USA)	Fatma Al Nabhani (OMA)	2010	Elisabeth Abanda - Katarena Paliivets (CAN)
2009	Johanna Konta (AUS)	Heidi El Tabakh (CAN)	2009	Alexandra Mueller - Allie Will (USA)
2008	Alexandra Mueller (USA)	Sharon Fichman (CAN)	2008	Akiko and Tomoko Yonemura (JPN)



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Dabrowski said after the match that she didn't play anywhere near her best Sunday as she was exhausted after Saturday's heroics. "I was extremely tired and was flat having played three matches in the heat. I have never played three matches in one day in my life." Asked if she was happy with her performances this week Dabrowski said that from the point of view of her tennis game, she did not play her best tennis but she always kept trying to find ways to win. "There is lots more to work on and to improve before I get to feel truly confident about my game," she said. Dabrowski, like Glushko is heading to the Yakima tournament and if she does well there she may have a chance of getting into the qualifying event of the US Open.

Dabrowski's appearance in Sunday's match marks the fifth time that a Canadian has made it to the final since the tournament began six years ago.



Corey Stearne representing the title sponsor Cooper Construction and Tournament Director Helen McArdle presented Glushko with her trophy and cheque. Glushko also received a watch compliments of Victoria Star Motors. Dabrowski received her prizes from Stearne and Monica Heinrich, assistant Tournament Director.



The ball kid chosen for the honour of doing duty at the Rogers Cup in Toronto later in the year was Field Westbroek.

