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## Kayla Day Wins 7<sup>th</sup> Pro Singles Title On 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday Beating Kayla Cross At Central Coast Tennis Classic

TEMPLETON, Calif. – September 28, 2025 – Kayla Day was serenaded by a couple hundred fans who sang her Happy Birthday following her seventh pro singles title becoming the first Californian to win the seventh edition of the **Central Coast Tennis Classic brought to you by Central Coast Home Health** on Sunday at the Templeton Tennis Ranch.

After winning the first set, 6-2, against the No. 5 seeded Canadian Kayla Cross, Day was leading 3-0 in the second set when the serving Cross lost the first point. She then walked over to the chair umpire and informed her she was going to retire from the match because of a left hip injury.

After the trophy presentation and photos, Day, who turned 26 on Sunday, then joined about a dozen ball kids and jumped into the shallow end of the swimming pool, a tradition started last year after Renata Zarazua won the singles title a day before her 27<sup>th</sup> birthday and just days after the new pool at the Templeton Tennis Ranch opened.

“I expected a battle today and you never want to win that way so I’m sorry for Kayla,” Day told the crowd, later adding that “In those moments you just have to stay extra focused because you never know if she could come back.”

Cross said she injured her hip at the start of the match. “I went for a wide forehand and I could tell I had pulled something,” the 20-year-old LSU sophomore said. “During the first set it was getting worse and worse.”

Asked how she would rank the win among her seven career pro titles, the WTA world-ranked No. 345<sup>th</sup> player Day said, “It’s definitely up there. It’s my biggest title since I had my injury and me being from California and so close to home, it’s pretty special, especially on my birthday.”

Day, who was out for nine months after surgery on her right ankle, won two ITF W100 singles titles in 2023, the same year she reached the third round at the French Open.

Day, who earned 75 WTA ranking points, gave a shoutout to her longtime coach Larry Mousouris, who was a Cal Poly All-American in the late 1960s. "Larry's been my coach since I was 9 years old," Day said. "Thanks to Larry for being here because he doesn't get to travel with me very much."

Mousouris couldn't help but flash a smile or two on Kayla's big day. "She's worked very hard to get to this point," he said. "But she knows there's still a lot of work to do."

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*Templeton Tennis Ranch is set in the heart of the Central Coast's wine country. The state-of-the-art facility features tennis, pickleball, a new 25-yard, eight-lane competition lap pool, bocce, a well-appointed fitness center, Pilates studio, massage rooms, infrared saunas, and a cafe & wine bar. Conveniently located at 345 Championship Lane, off the Main Street Exit from Highway 101, in Templeton, the Ranch is open weekdays 7am to 8pm, Saturday 8 am to 8 pm and Sunday 8 am to 3 pm. For more information, call (805) 434-9605 or visit [www.ttrtennis.com](http://www.ttrtennis.com).*

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