

OTTAWA BADMINTON TEAM WINS GOLD AT THE 2014 ONTARIO WINTER GAMES

The badminton team representing the Ottawa District recently captured gold at the 2014 Ontario Winter Games held in Bracebridge, Ontario from Feb 27th to March 2nd, 2014.

The team was comprised of 5 males and 5 females with 1 male spare and 1 female spare:

Samy Coulombe	Danielle Cantal
Giulian De La Merced	Joletta Cheung
Austin Flannigan	Aswini Ganesh
Minh Pham	Lina Liu
Chuheng Xing	Sashini Senarath
Mathieu Simard, spare	Jenny Zhang, spare

The tournament was comprised of a round robin event with all 7 teams playing each other, followed by a knockout stage. Two teams represented the Toronto District while every other district was represented by one team each: Central, Western, Georgian Bay and Northern.

The Ottawa team finished first in the round robin.

FRIDAY

defeated Central 5-4
defeated Toronto1 8-1
BYE
defeated Western 9-0

SATURDAY

defeated Northern 9-0
defeated Georgian Bay 9-0
defeated Toronto2 9-0

SUNDAY

1st vs 4th Semi-final: Ottawa defeated Toronto2 7-2
2nd vs 3rd Semi-final: Central defeated Toronto1
6th vs 7th Semi-final: Georgian Bay defeated Northern

Gold medal final: Ottawa defeated Central 7-2
Bronze medal final: Toronto1 defeated Toronto2
5th place playoff: Western defeated Georgian Bay

FINAL STANDINGS:

1. Ottawa
2. Central
3. Toronto1
4. Toronto2
5. Western
6. Georgian Bay
7. Northern

Sportsmanship Award (female): Dorothy Duck, Georgian Bay

Sportsmanship Award (male): Darcy Schmidt, Central

Team of the Games: Georgian Bay

Coach of the Games: Ryan Van Spronsen, Western

Manager of the Games: Carol-Ann Agnihotri, Northern

Official of the Games: Teresa Prevoe

The team would like to thank the following people/parties for their contribution to our success.

For their generous donations:

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- Thuy Pham

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- Sylvain Coulombe

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- Thuy Pham

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To the players, thank you for your dedication and hard work in preparing for the Games and your perseverance at the Games. It was truly a memorable weekend for us. All the best in your future endeavors, whether they may be within badminton or outside of it.

To Badminton Ontario (and all the people associated with the Games from there) and the volunteers at Bracebridge and everywhere else, thank you for all your hard work and organization.

Silvesta Ng, coach

Sally Liang, manager