

A Win in Brazil!

Alex Bruce, a 2012 Olympian badminton player, who has been training at the RA Badminton Club for the last two years under the tutelage of coach Andrew Dabeka, has moved one step closer to her goal of qualifying for the 2016 Rio Olympics. From the 10-13th of March, Alex and her mixed doubles partner, Toby Ng (of BC), participated at the Brazil International, where they fought through a very difficult tournament to win gold! Apart from the superb result of winning an international competition, which is never easy, this will raise their international ranking a few more spots, to put them within arms reach of their rival, the top mixed doubles pair from the USA. Both teams are battling for the one allocated spot to a team from the Pan American zone who will participate in Rio.

There are just five more tournaments left in the qualification period and Alex and Toby need to keep their calm and keep performing, but this has seriously put some pressure on the American pair, who incidentally were beaten in the semi-final of this tournament.

Here is a link showing their progress through the draw at the tournament:

<http://tournamentsoftware.com/sport/draw.aspx?id=6E25FD85-D65F-4E18-830D-4030F37129AA&draw=7>

Alex and Toby's next competitions will see her travelling all around the World: Poland, France, Finland, Peru and then Tahiti.

We will keep you posted as to their progress and wish them much success!



Best wishes,

Andrew Dabeka
Assistant Pro RA Badminton Club Ottawa

[613.890.6211](tel:613.890.6211)
adabeka@gmail.com