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GABRIELA DABROWSKI AND FÉLIX AUGER-ALIASSIME WIN BRONZE IN MIXED DOUBLES AT THE PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES

Canada on the podium: Dabrowski and Auger-Aliassime secure first Olympic tennis medal for Canada in 24 years

[MONTREAL, QC] August 2, 2024 – Gabriela Dabrowski (Ottawa, ON) and Félix Auger-Aliassime (Montreal, QC) made Canadian history today by winning the bronze medal in mixed doubles at the Paris Olympic Games. In only their second Olympic appearance as a duo, after finishing ninth at Tokyo 2020, they defeated the Dutch pair of Wesley Koolhof and Demi Schuurs by a score of 6-3, 7-6 (2) to clinch third place in the competition. This is Canada's first Olympic tennis medal since 2000 when Sébastien Lareau and Daniel Nestor won gold in men's doubles in Sydney.

"I am experiencing unique emotions right now, as a childhood dream comes true. I hope this will inspire and encourage other young people in Canada to pursue their aspirations and keep dreaming. Today, we have achieved one of our greatest goals, and it is a tremendous pleasure to share this historic moment with the Canadian team and with Gabriela," shared Auger-Aliassime.

"It's a childhood dream come true. As Olympians, we play for something greater than ourselves. This achievement is incredibly rewarding and demonstrates all the sacrifices and efforts we have invested throughout our lives, as well as those of our support team: parents, coaches, and trainers. It is a tremendous honour, and we are very proud of ourselves and of being able to give back to Canada," said Dabrowski.

On their way to the podium, Dabrowski and Auger-Aliassime defeated the British duo of Heather Watson, ranked 57th in the world in doubles, and Joe Salisbury, world No. 6 in doubles and former world No. 1, 7-5, 4-6, 10-3 in a tightly contested first-round match. In the quarterfinals, they secured a decisive tie-break victory against the American pair of Coco Gauff, the reigning US Open champion and former world No. 1 in doubles, and Taylor Fritz, ranked 12th in singles, by a score of 7-6, 3-6, 10-8.

In the semi-finals, they fell to the Czech team of Thomas Machac, ranked 53rd in doubles, and Katerina Siniakova, the world No. 2 in doubles and winner of both Roland Garros and Wimbledon this year in women's doubles, in straight sets of 6-3. Despite this setback, Dabrowski and Auger-Aliassime rebounded to claim the bronze medal against Schuurs, No. 22 in doubles and winner of the WTA 1000 event in Doha this year, and Koolhof, former world No. 1, thus making their mark on Canadian Olympic history.

"Congratulations to Gaby [Dabrowski] and Félix [Auger-Aliassime]. This is a historic day for tennis in Canada and we are sure their victory will inspire Canadians across the country to pick up a racquet. We look forward to welcoming them both back home for the National Bank Open presented by Rogers in Toronto and Montreal, where we will celebrate their victory." said Gavin Ziv, CEO of Tennis Canada.



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"First of all, I want to congratulate Félix and Gabriela for bringing an Olympic medal in tennis back to Canada, 24 years after the last one. Their success is not only well-deserved but also highlights the exceptional efforts of the entire Team Canada, who prepared brilliantly for these Olympic Games. This achievement is remarkable for them and for Canadian tennis. I look forward to seeing these medals around their necks at the Montreal and Toronto tournaments at the National Bank Open in a few days." said Guillaume Marx, Vice President of High Performance at Tennis Canada.

Auger-Aliassime is also competing in the singles draw, having played his semi-final just hours before the mixed doubles bronze medal match. He will return to the court tomorrow, aiming to win a second Olympic medal. The Montrealer, representing Canada in three events at the Olympics this year, also participated in men's doubles with compatriot Milos Raonic, where they were eliminated in the first round to third-seeded Americans Taylor Fritz and Tommy Paul.

Dabrowski also competed in women's doubles with Leylah Annie Fernandez as the fifth seeds. They were eliminated in the second round by Diana Schneider and Mirra Andreeva, who will be competing for gold in tomorrow's final.

Click [here](#) to see the draws.

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