

Incredible badminton achievements by regional junior player!!!



Joseph Rogers, remember the name because you will hear about him in the upcoming years. He is playing your game (just maybe a bit more dedicated and with more potential...), and he is aiming high and committed to do what it takes to achieve that!

Here is his story, so far...

He is from Ottawa and born in 1988, and began playing badminton at the age of thirteen after having played hockey, baseball and volleyball on competitive teams for several years. The moment he held a badminton racquet in his hand was magic – he knew then that he would become a badminton player forever! Over the past four years, while completing high school, he has trained at the Ottawa RA Badminton Club under the guidance of Mike Bitten, and members of the National Elite Training Centre. He is presently training full-time at the National Elite Training Centre at the RA, and participating in provincial, national and international events!

Here are some of his achievements for 2006...

- ◆ **2006 Canadian National Junior Singles Champion**
- ◆ **Represented Canada at the 2006 World Junior Badminton Championships in Korea**
- ◆ **2006 OFSSA Men's Singles Champion**
- ◆ **2006 Ontario Winter Games team member representing Eastern Ontario (Bronze Medal winners)**
- ◆ **Semi-Finalist in the Ottawa Open National Senior Elite tournament (Oct. 2006)**
- ◆ **Doubles Quarter-Finalist at the Canadian Open International (Nov. 2006)**
- ◆ **finished the 2005/2006 season ranked as the No. 1 (U19 Singles) player in Canada and Ontario.**

And here are his awards for 2006:

- ◆ 2006 Badminton Canada Most Promising Athlete of the Year Award (U19)
- ◆ 2006 CANADA GAMES FAST TRACK Grant
- ◆ James Worrall Award, received April 2006 through Sport Alliance of Ontario

Recently, he has been offered an incredible opportunity to travel and compete with Andrew Dabeka, the current Canadian National Men's Champion. This is extremely significant in his development as a badminton player and in his hopes of representing Ottawa, Ontario and Canada at the highest levels of international play. He left back in November 2006, to compete in tournaments in Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and is presently in Malaysia to compete and train until January 27, 2007.

Have no doubt this junior player from Ottawa is worth our support, his potential is incredible. The Ottawa and District Badminton Association is approaching you to support financially this dedicated junior player, any amount would be appreciated to develop his training.

If, you personally, or your club would be interested in supporting this very promising and talented badminton junior player, please do so by contacting the ODBA (Ottawa and District Badminton Association) using the information below, or perhaps you know of a club or association that might be interested in becoming involved with this badminton player, please forward this letter to them. An update of Joseph Rogers' training and competition results will be forwarded to keep you informed of his progress.

Yours sincerely,
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