

Canadian women's artistic gymnastics team advances to multiple event finals in Tokyo

TOKYO, JPN (July 25, 2021) – Brooklyn Moors of Cambridge, ON and Ellie Black of Halifax, NS led team Canada to a 10th place finish in the qualification round of women's artistic gymnastics Sunday in Tokyo, missing out on advancing to the team finals. Both advanced to the individual all-around final finishing 22nd and 24th respectively.

The team, which also includes Shallon Olsen (Surrey, BC), and Ava Stewart (Bowmanville, ON), had been hoping to qualify for the team finals after narrowly missing out on advancing at the last Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and were obviously disappointed in the overall results. They ended the day with a total score of 160.964. The Russian team took the top team qualifying spot, edging out the USA and China who rounded out the top-3. The top-8 teams advanced.

“Today was a bit of a rough go, but there were also some really good things that happened,” said Black after the competition. “It's really tough coming into the Olympics after a year and a half of not competing in-person, so for us, I think it was really just about getting out there and showing what we can and trying our absolute best, which we did and I'm proud of us.”

When asked about her plans for the all-around finals, Black added: “My all-around performance today wasn't what I wanted, but I'm also coming off an ankle injury, and I wasn't even sure I'd be able to compete a few weeks ago, so that being said, I'm proud of what I was able to do and I know I can do better, so I'm hoping I can make some of those improvements in the finals.”

Olsen advanced to her second consecutive Olympic Games vault final scoring a 14.699 to qualify 6th for the finals which take place next Sunday, August 1st.

“Today was a little bit stressful for me, I haven't competed for over a year with this team, and just being back out there on the big stage is just something I wanted to take in and enjoy,” said Olsen who has been competing in the NCAA this past season with the University of Alabama. “It was obviously a little bit different not having the crowd there, but I think the cheerfulness and excitement kept me going this whole time and I know my teammates had my back throughout the whole meet and I'm really, really grateful for that.

Black also qualified for the beam finals that take place on Monday, August 2nd.

Simone Biles of the USA took the top qualifying spot in the all-around, followed by Rebecca Andrade of Brazil in second, and Sunisa Lee of the USA in third. The top-24 athletes, with only two athletes per country, advance to the all-around finals which take place on Thursday, July 29th.

FINAL RESULTS FOR TEAM CANADA WOMEN:

- Ellie Black – VT: 14.533; UB: 12.800; BB: 14.100; FX: 12.266. Total: 53.699
- Brooklyn Moors – VT: 14.133; UB: 13.000; BB: 13.300; FX: 13.533. Total: 53.966
- Shallon Olsen – VT: 14.966; UB: 11.900; BB: 12.066; FX: 13.033. Total: 51.965
- Ava Stewart – VT: 12.933; UB: 12.900; BB: 12.00; FX: 12.600. Total: 50.433

For full results, please visit: <https://olympics.com/tokyo-2020/olympic-games/en/results/artistic-gymnastics/olympic-schedule-and-results-date=2021-07-24.htm>



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