

2014 News

Shuttlers Win 1 Silver, 1 Bronze

6th ASEAN Schools Games

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Ryan Ng Zin Rei fought his way to a silver medal in the Boys' Singles event of the badminton competition at the 6th ASEAN Schools Games. The second seed was stretched to 3 sets in each of the 3 matches played en route to the final, where he faced top seeded Malaysian R. Sathiestharan. Ryan lost the first set 8-21 but kept it close in the second set before eventually losing 19-21 and had to settle for silver.

Anokhi Deven Haria, Crystal Wong Jia Ying, Jaslyn Hooi Yue Yann and Lim Ming Hui won a bronze medal in the Girls' Team event at the Games in Manila, Philippines, from 28 November to 7 December 2014.

A total of 29 Singapore Sports School student-athletes competed at the Games.

Shuttlers Rule The Courts

SBA Age-Group Singles and SPH Age-Group Doubles 2014

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There was an air of familiarity when Singapore Sports School badminton players took to court during the finals of the Singapore Badminton Association Age-Group Singles and Singapore Press Holdings Age-Group Doubles tournament. It was an all-Sports School final in five of the eight categories that we competed in – U14 Boys and Girls Singles, U15 Boys Doubles and U17 Boys and Girls Doubles. The U15 Boys Doubles and U17 Girls Doubles also saw Sports School shuttlers finish 1-2-3.

Results

Category	Finalist
U14 Girls Singles	Champion: Nur Insyirah Khan Abdul Hamid Khan 2nd: Bernice Lim Zhi Rui
U14 Boys Singles	Champion: Ting Hock Yu 2nd: Howin Wong Jia Hao
U16 Girls Singles	Champion: Lim Ming Hui Joint 3rd: Crystal Wong Jia Ying and Jaslyn Hooi Yue Yann
U15 Girls Doubles	Champion: Sito Jia Rong/Jaslyn Hooi Yue Yann 3rd: Bernice Lim Zhi Rui/Nur Insyirah Khan Abdul Hamid Khan
U15 Boys Doubles	Champion: Abel Tan Wen Xing/Howin Wong Jia Hao 2nd: Joel Koh Jia Wei and partner

	3rd: Lee Wei Hong/Darrion Michael Ng Weng Soong
U17 Girls Doubles	Champion: Shanice Lim Jia Hui/Crystal Wong Jia Ying 2nd: Lim Ming Hui/Tan Zhi Yi 3rd: Sim Ee Ying/Zinia Tan Xin Ying
U17 Boys Doubles	Champion: Chuang Jin Lei/Ryan Ng Zin Rei 2nd: Lee Jian Liang and partner

A Podium Finish Amidst Strong Competition

OUE Singapore Youth International Series 2014

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Singapore Sports School student-athletes and alumni from the Badminton Academy went up against the best Asian shuttlers in their age-group at the OUE Singapore Youth International Series 2014 at the OCBC Arena from 17 to 23 November 2014.

Sports School's top performance came from the U15 Girls Doubles pair of Jaslyn Hooi Yue Yann and Si To Jia Rong who fought their way to a bronze medal, defeating players from Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Chinese Taipei. Top-seeded U15 Girls Doubles pair Crystal Wong Jia Ying and Yeo Jia Min had won the event in 2013 and managed a Top 8 finish in the U17 Girls Doubles category this year. Eleven Sports School shuttlers finished in the Top 8 among a tough pool of competitors.

RESULTS

U15 Girls Doubles – Jaslyn Hooi Yue Yann and Si To Jia Rong (3rd)

U19 Girls Doubles – Elaine Chua Yi Ling (alumnus) (Semi-Finalist)

Quarter-Finalists (Top 8)

U15 Boys Doubles – Darrion Michael Ng Weng Soon and Lee Wei Hong

U17 Boys Singles – Lee Jian Liang

U17 Girls Singles – Yeo Jia Min

U17 Boys Doubles – Chuang Jin Lei and Ryan Ng Zin Rei

U17 Girls Doubles – Crystal Wong Jia Ying and Yeo Jia Min

U19 Boys Doubles – Ngiam Bin (alumnus)

Ryan, Jiamin In Semi-Finals Today

Badminton Asia Junior U17, U15 Championships

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Two student-athletes have done outstandingly well in the Badminton Asia Junior U17 and U15 Championships. Ryan Ng Zin Rei and Yeo Jiamin are through to the semi-finals and they will be competing in the semi-finals on 14 November 2014.

Both Ryan and Jiamin have worked very hard to achieve this wonderful breakthrough. They have brought Singapore Badminton to a new level; standing shoulder to shoulder with the world's best.

Ryan's path to the semis was not easy. He had to contend with strong opponents from Malaysia, South Korea and India. He will be up against third-seed Lee Zii Jia. Ryan said that he is very excited about the opportunity and will do his best.

Jiamin's path to the semis was equally difficult. She had to fend off a Korean, Thai and Indonesian. Her match in the Quarter-Finals was the most thrilling. She managed to squeeze past her opponents with a win in the rubber set 19-21. She

will be playing against another strong contender from South Korea.

Click this link for scores and results:

<http://www.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/matches.aspx?id=28F41479-9459-4015-8769-4D4C2A3D89E8&d=20141113>

Badminton Academy Wins 4 National Colours and Zone Awards, 4 Team Awards

44th Singapore Schools Sports Council National Colours Award Presentation

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Singapore Sports School student-athletes received a total of 92 National Colours Awards and 163 Zone Awards. The Sports School also won 40 Team Awards, presented to teams that finished in the top 4 of the national round of competition.

Shooter Martina Lindsay P Veloso capped off an excellent year when she was named Singapore Schools Sports Council's Overall Best School Girl. At 14, she became the youngest medallist in the 27-year history of the ISSF World Cup – and Singapore's only medallist in the competition – when she won the Women's 10m Air Rifle gold medal in Munich, Germany, in June. She also won the silver medal in the same event at the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games. At the National Schools Games shooting competition, Martina won the gold medal in the "B" Division Girls' 10m Air Rifle event and led the Singapore Sports School "B" Division Girls' 10m Air Rifle team to the title in a new Championship record.

Bowler Darren Ong Wei Siong is Singapore Schools Sports Council's Best School Boy for Tenpin Bowling for the third successive year, the first Singapore Sports School student-athlete with such an achievement. Darren represented the Singapore Schools at the 15th Asian Schools Tenpin Bowling Championships in February 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia, and was the team's sole representative in the Boys' Masters Final where he finished 10th – but with an impressive average of 244 over 16 games. He was also selected by Singapore Bowling Federation to compete at the 2014 World Youth Championships in Hongkong, China, in August.

Table Tennis player Yee Heng Hwee was named Best School Girl for Table Tennis. Heng Hwee was part of the Singapore Women's Table Tennis team that won the bronze medal at the 2014 World Table Tennis Championships. She also competed at the Nanjing 2014 YOG.

Sprinter Kugapriya d/o Chandran, who competed at the Glasgow 2014

Commonwealth Games as part of the all-Singapore Sports School national women's 4x100m relay team, was named Best School Girl for Track and Field.

Diver Fong Kay Yian was presented with the Special Award.

The recipients of Zone Awards and National Colours in the Badminton Academy are:

Individual Awards

Bernard Ong Soon Yang (National Colours, Zone Award)

Crystal Wong Jia Ying (National Colours, Zone Award)

Ryan Ng Zin Rei (National Colours, Zone Award)

Yeo Jia Min (National Colours, Zone Award)

Team Awards

'B' Division Boys

'B' Division Girls

'C' Division Boys

'C' Division Girls

Alumni Win

Singapore International Series

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Men's Singles champion Loh Kean Yew.



Terry Hee Yong Kai (2nd from left) and Tan Wei Han.

Singapore Sports School student-athletes and alumni participated in the Singapore International Series from 19 to 23 August 2014.

This was a Badminton World Federation competition and priority was given to the older players to have international exposure and know their level of competition. Our alumni did well, with Loh Kean Yew winning the Men singles title and Terry Hee Yong Kai and Tan Wei Han emerging as Mixed Doubles champions.

From 128, Sito Jia Rong Climbs To Last 16

Astec Open X Badminton Championship 2014

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The School-Within-A-School team went to Jakarta, Indonesia, to compete in the Astec Open from 14 to 21 August 2014.

This competition is predominantly for the Indonesia junior and youth players.

Indonesia has always been a powerhouse in badminton and the level of competition is also very high. The SWS players gained invaluable experience from this competition.

Sito Jia Rong returned with the best results. She entered the last 16 from a big draw of 128 players. Jia Rong is developing well and we see her gearing up for the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

Understanding Different Strokes

BWF, BEC Summer School

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Players receiving instruction from the coach.



Two excellent 16 year old players from Luxemborg.

I was privileged to be given the opportunity by the Badminton World Federation and Badminton Europe Confederation to attend the BEC Summer School in Vejen,

Denmark, from the 19 to 24 July 2014.

The Summer School was organised for Under 17 national players and national junior coaches with the objectives to provide training for the U17 up-and-coming European talents, share ideas and have an insight to coaches of national junior teams, build a forum for the international coaches and international players, and enhance the participation of players and coaches of the developing nations in Europe and in activities of Badminton Europe.

The Summer School offered three programmes – Intensive Training Programme for U17 players, Women in Badminton Coaching Conference and Badminton World Federation Coach Education.

The Summer School provided participants with the opportunity to network with the top coaches in Europe. As a result, I have now met numerous officials of the Europe Badminton Federation and coaches from the different countries. I also learned about the different European models. Denmark and England are the more successful ones. Bulgaria, Belgium, Spain and Holland do not have such wonderful badminton ecosystems but are still able to produce good players. There is always strength in the different systems.

The Denmark system seems to be the best, yet the most complex. The Danish badminton system is supported by clubs, which will work with the grassroots and build the base. The clubs also have the responsibility to organise competitions every second weekend of the month.

The Danish BA has centralised training twice to three times a year for the top junior or youth players. This is when the national coaches will assess the standard of the players. The national coaches will then discuss with the club coaches or satellite coaches on the areas of improvement for each player.

In the Danish system, a player will have one coach who he works closely with and up to four different coaches during his entire training schedule. This is because he has seven to eight sessions of training per week and each session may be guided by a different coach.

The system develops players to become independent learners. They are exposed to different coaches and thus, have plenty of learning opportunities. This could be the reason why the players learn more effectively.

It was an eye opener for me to see so many motivated European youth players. The European countries like Belgium and Luxembourg have very good players but

because of funding issues, they do not have the opportunity to turn professional and play at the highest level. The players are mostly funded by parents at the start of the badminton career and have to continue till they complete their university studies.

One thing that is very obvious, the players have a very strong desire to learn and improve. They work very hard during the camp and try to improve their technical skills. They were able to learn many lessons from the six different coaches who were conducting the Summer School. This determination illustrated by the players could be the reason why the European countries are successful in the badminton arena.

Shuttling To Penang To Do Good

Badminton Academy Tour

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The Badminton Academy went on a tour to Penang, Malaysia, from the 3 to 7 June 2014. It was a short but intense week for the players.

The objectives of the tour were to provide maximum match experience and exposure for the players, enhance team building and do community service.

The student-athletes had the opportunity to pit their skills against three teams – Penang Badminton Association, Young Way Club and LTT Badminton Club. In total, each student-athlete played at least 12 matches in a short span of three days,

which tested their endurance and fitness.

The Badminton Academy also visited two children's homes – Shan Children's Home and Ru Yi Home Association. The visits served to remind our student-athletes how fortunate they are to be in a wonderful school and also, have the support of family.

At the children's home, we interacted with the children and also watched a rehearsal. The person in-charge told us that the Ru Yi Home Association was preparing for a public performance and our presence was timely as it helped simulate an audience.

Our student-athletes also brought clothes for the children and donated some cash to help the children's home.

Kean Yew Beats The Odds To Win U19 Singles Crown

Victor Walikota Surabaya Cup 2014

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The Badminton Academy participated in the Victor Walikota Surabaya Cup from the 5 to 10 May 2014. The competition was held in Surabaya, Indonesia. Indonesia is one of the king pins in badminton and it will never be easy for our players. However, it was good to pit our skills against the best in the world.

Singapore Badminton Association also sent their teams to compete in the competition. It was a very big contingent of Singapore players. Singapore Sports School participated in three age-groups: U15, U17 and U19. Our players tried their best, and overall, achieved some good results. It was not easy but there were some bright sparks shown by the Sports School players.

RESULTS

Finals

U19 Boys Singles **CHAMPION** – Loh Kean Yew

Semi-Finals

U19 Girls Doubles – Elaine Chua Yi Ling and partner

Quarter Finals

U15 Boys Doubles – Howin Wong and Ting Hock Yu, Abel Tan Wen Xing and Lee Weihong

U17 Girls Singles – Yeo Jiamin

U17 Girls Doubles – Lim Ming Hui and Megan Leong

4 For Thomas Cup, Uber Cup

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Four alumni have been selected to represent Singapore in the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup which will be held in New Delhi, India, from 18 to 25 May 2014.

Terry Hee Yong Kai (picture above) and Sean Lee Kwan Ting will be part of the men's Thomas Cup side of six, while Liang Xiao Yu and Tan Wei Han will be among the team of seven to compete in the women's Uber Cup.

In the Thomas Cup competition, Singapore is in Group A, together with top seed Indonesia which has won the Thomas Cup 13 times, Thailand and Nigeria. The top two teams in each group will advance to the quarter finals.

The women's team is also in a difficult draw, and is grouped with 2010 champions South Korea, 3-time champions Indonesia and Australia, in Group B.

This is the first time in 28 years that Singapore has qualified for the Thomas Cup.

It is also a first that Singapore will be competing in the Thomas Cup and Uber Cups in the same year.

1, 2, 3-Title Record

National Schools Championships

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Glenn Ang Hao Jun (left) and Chuang Jin Lei (right) celebrating their 'B' Division win.

The National Schools Championships "C" Division Boys title, which had remained elusive to the Singapore Sports School since its pioneer batch won it in 2004, was finally brought home again this year when the Badminton Academy beat Raffles

Institution 3-0 at Bedok Sports Hall on 16 April 2014.

The “C” Division girls also did the School proud when they came from behind to successfully defended their title. Jaslyn Hooi Yue Yann had lost the critical 2nd Singles tie. Down 1-2, the rest of the team had to step up and bring on their “A game”. The 2nd Doubles pairing of Tan Sin Yu and Bernice Zhi Rui had a jittery start but recovered in time to tie the overall score 2-2. Sito Jiarong then won her match for the Sports School to beat Singapore Chinese Girls’ School 3-2.

The most exciting match of the afternoon was that for the “B” Division Boys’ title. The Sports School played Raffles Institution and it was a hard-fought battle starting with the 1st Singles. Ryan Ng Zin Rei did well to steer the team in the right direction. The 1st Doubles pair of Darrel Chang Yao Jie and Lee Jian Liang carried the momentum to give the Sports School a 2-0 lead. RI’s best Singles player provided a fighting chance but our 2nd doubles pairing of Glenn Ang Hao Jun and Chuang Jin Lei thwarted RI’s attempt for a comeback.

RESULTS

‘C’ Division Boys – Champion

‘C’ Division Girls – Champion

‘B’ Division Boys – Champion

‘B’ Division Girls – Third

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Xiaoyu Makes It To Asia Youth U19 Semi-Final

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Singapore Sports School alumnus Liang Xiaoyu became the first badminton player from Singapore Sports School to reach the last four of the Badminton Asia Youth U19 Championships, held in Chinese Taipei from 16 to 23 February 2014. Xiaoyu, who was seeded No. 5, performed consistently throughout the tournament, which is the most prestigious youth competition in Asia.

The highlight of Xiaoyu's tournament was her victory over No. 3 seed He Bingjiao of China in the quarter-finals. She won the first set 21-17 but He Bingjiao came back strongly in the second set, winning 21-10 to set up the decider. Xiaoyu kept her composure to take the set and the match 21-14 to seal a spot in the semi-finals.

Xiaoyu lost her semi-final match to unseeded Chen Yufei of China in two sets – 10-21, 14-21 but her results at this tournament puts her in a good position to qualify for the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

She had scored straight set victories over Malaysia's Goh Jin Wei (21-6, 21-15) and Chinese Taipei's Lee Chia Hsin (26-24, 21-10) in the first two rounds before she faced He Bingjiao.

“I was a little disappointed at missing out on the final but overall, I think I played well throughout the tournament. The coaches had prepared us well and the tactics that I used enabled me to perform my best. After the semi-final loss, I know I still need to put in more work on the technical and physical aspects of my game to raise my standard to be on par with the best players in the world,” said Xiaoyu.

Singapore was represented by 10 shuttlers at this tournament, of who eight are from Singapore Sports School – student-athletes Bernard Ong Soon Yang, Crystal Wong Jia Ying, Ryan Ng Zin Rei and Yeo Jia Min; and alumni Elaine Chua Yi Ling, Liang Xiaoyu, Ngiam Bin and Tan Mingshun.