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Chinese Taipei as the biggest **WINNER**

The finals of the 11th World University Badminton Championship were played today, 12th September 2010. Both the titles of women's singles and women's doubles went to CHN. The host TPE won the titles of mixed doubles, men's singles, and men's doubles, becoming the biggest winner in this splendid event.

In the final of the mixed doubles, Hung-Ling Chen and Pei-Chen Hsieh took the lead through out the game. They defeated the Chinese pair Haitao Huang-Shu Cheng 21-11, 21-19, winning the first title for TPE in this championship. In the court 2, Yuta Yamasaki-Midori Sakurai also beat the GBR in straight games 21-14, 21-12.

The final of the women's singles was played by the 3rd seed Xuerui Li and the 8th seed Xin Liu. Li defeated her partner Liu 21-12, 21-14 and won the title. JPN Sayaka Sato placed the third since TPE Shao-Chieh Cheng abandoned the match due to her injury.



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TAIPEI Welcome to Taipei

In the final of the men's singles, Indonesian Tommy Sugiarto beat TPE Hsuan-Yi Hsueh 21-18 in the first game. In the second game, both players played remarkably and tied almost at every stage. But Hsuan-Yi Hsueh performed several strong smashes thus turned the table on Sugiarto 21-16, 21-14, grabbing the second title for TPE after a 75-minute struggle. KOR Jong Soo Hwa ranked the third for Wan Ho Shon gave up the match due to his injury.

The final of the women's doubles featured two Chinese pairs Xin Liu-Xuerui Li and Jin Ma-Shu Cheng. However, Liu got injury in the previous matches and could not play in the final. Therefore, the champion went to the top seed Jin Ma-Shu Cheng. Xin Liu-Xuerui Li received the silver medals. KOR Da Hye Lee-Ye Na Jang finished JPN Midori Sakurai-Yumiko Nishiyama 21-16, 21-9 and got the bronze medals.



In the men's doubles, Polish pair Hubert Peczek-Wojciech Szkudlarczyk claimed the third place for the 2nd seeds Hung-Lin Chen- Yu Lang Lin also gave up the match because of injury. They are the only European medalists in this championship.

The final of the men's doubles was no doubt a tough match. TPE Chieh-Ming Fang-Sheng-Mu Lee won the first game 21-16 against THA Bodin Isara-Maneepong Jongjit. Although THA made some mistakes in the second game, they soon went back to their best and tied with TPE 19-19 and won by 21-19. In the decider, THA controlled the game at first but TPE would not give up, caught up and reached 11-10. At the end of the match, THA smashed the shuttle onto the net, surrendering the champion to TPE 15-21.



There were numerous spectators coming into the gym to enjoy the finals. They shouted and cheered for the teams they support. When Fang and Lee won the champion of men's doubles, their supporters in the hall gave them a round of applause enthusiastically. The awarding and closing ceremony were held right after the final, making an perfect end of the 11th World University Badminton Championship.



Closing Ceremony of 2010 WUC Badminton

The closing ceremony was held after the finals. It began with Chinese yo-yo and marvelous martial art performances. FISU Assessor Alison Odell gave thanks to all participants and the host Chinese Taipei University Sports Federation. During the tournament, "We had received warm welcome and friendship from Taiwan." She presented the gift from FISU to the Dr. Kunning Chen, the President of CTUSF.

She then thanked the umpire Mr. Surasak Songvoratmlphan and his hard-working umpiring team. She also expressed the gratitude to the Chair of TC Roger Johansson, the CIC delegate Dorjsuren Jargalsaikhan, and David Cabello, the Chair of Development Committee of World Badminton Federation for their support during the champion.



The FISU flag lowered while FISU anthem were played. The FISU flag was then handed over to the representative of the next host of World University Badminton Championship, Gwangju, Korea. The closing ceremony rounded off when the representative of the next host said "see you after two years."

Interview with the Top Seed



Jin Ma, who grabbed her first world title with Po Zheng in the mixed doubles of World Badminton Championships last month, becomes famous overnight and seeded the first in the 11th World University Badminton Championship.

Ma started to play badminton for fitness, but started her training as a professional after the coach discovered her talent. Because of her effort, she finally got brilliant results and caught the attention from the public.

Ma thinks that there is no difference between her and other players. She follows the training schedule of national team just like everyone.

However, the Head of delegates of CHN Wuer Yan says that humbleness and determination make Ma play better and better. Chen thinks Ma has a promising and unlimited future.

Ma does not have a long-term plan for her badminton career. She thinks plans always fall behind changes. For Ma, there is always room for progress. So she demands herself strictly when practicing. Ma's partner Bo Zheng also praises Ma's steely determination. He says he feels relieved when partnering up with Ma.

Ma is serious on court. But when she gets along with her teammates, she is the one who always brings laughter.

When asked what would she like to do if she was not a badminton player, she says, "my life is occupied with training and matches. If possible, I would like to be simply a student who can use her time freely." But at this moment, Ma only wants to be a great player and hopes that she can win the title in the Olympic game. Certainly, everyone is expecting her good performance in 2012 London Olympic.

Jin MA

Awarding Ceremony

Men's Singles



Tommy Sugiarto Hanan-Yi Hsu Jung Seon Hwa

Women's Singles



Zhu Liu Xu Yuyao Soysola Sato

Men's Doubles



Boonchan Samsri + Maneepong Jongjit Chih-Hsiung Fung + Sung-Min Lee Hubert Paredon + Wojciech Szustarski

Women's Doubles



Zhu Liu + Xu Yuyao Liu Yu + Shi Cheng Du Hye Lee + Yu Min Jung

Mixed Doubles



Malina Beeing + Sui Chong Hsu-Ling Chen + Pei-Chen Hsieh Yuta Yamamoto + Midori Sakurai



Saurav KAPOOR

"Since I'm a top player in my country, there is a special program in my university to help me balance my training and academic studies."



FLASH Interview



Ayumi TASAKI

"I don't have this problem because I am a senior and have few courses. So I have more time to practice badminton. I used to go shopping and theater during my free time."



Haldee OJEDA

"It's difficult to manage badminton and study at the same time in India. We usually spend more time on practice and only study before exams. But we manage to pass our exams."



Christoph WEINIGER

"Because my school is close to the training center. I don't have to spend much time commuting. It's convenient for me."



Thanks for your participation, see you in 2012.