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TOP SEEDS STORM THROUGH

14 July 2010, Bukit Jalil : As predicted, the nation's top squash players showed their authority to ease into the quarter finals tomorrow in the ongoing TC Malaysian Nationals Squash Championships at the National Squash Centre in Bukit Jalil.

Women's top seed Datuk Nicol Ann David cruised through in the women's Premier category as she beat last minute entry Ilya Kareena Ibrahim 11-3, 11-5, 11-7, with the latter putting up a strong performance in her first time playing the world number one.

"Once she got into her rhythm she played some very good shots and put up a very good performance," said Nicol of her 13-year-old opponent.

Nicol will next play Tan Yan Xin, who beat Yong Sue Ann 11-6, 11-2, 11-5.

Sharon Wee, third seed and defending champion of the event formerly known as the National Closed Championships that were last held 13 years ago, also advanced, beating Teh Min Jie 11-3, 11-6, 11-5 in the process.

"It's good to have the tournament back again. A lot has happened in the 13 years since I beat Nicol in the quarterfinal, but as a top 4 seed, I will definitely aim to make the semis and hopefully play in the final against Nicol," said Sharon.

Interestingly, Sharon's chances will be brighter as second seed Delia Arnold pulled out of the competition due to a back sprain.

In the Men's Premier Category, third seed Md. Nafizwan bin Md. Adnan eased past Ahmad Zamry Esahak 11-2, 11-4, 11-5 to set up a quarter final date with sixth seed Kamran Khan, who received a walk-over when Md. Asfar Azan withdrew from the competition with a fever.

Fourth seed Md. Asyraf Azan also progressed after beating Marcus Yuen 11-3, 11-7, 11-4 and will meet his opponent's older brother Ivan Yuen in the quarters.

World No. 80 and former Asian Junior champion Ivan, who turns 20 in September, has been steadily climbing up the world rankings.

He moves into the next round after beating Md. Addeen Idrakie 11-7, 11-4, 11-10 to advance and hopes to make it all the way into the finals.

"It's hard to say who will win. It really depends on how well you play on the day and how many mistakes you make," said Ivan.

Top seeds in the Men's Premier Category Mohd. Azlan Iskandar and Ong Beng Hee were not in action today and will kick off their campaign tomorrow with matches against Ng Jo Wen and Chong Kam Hing respectively.

Results

PREMIER MEN

Kamran Khan (w/o); Md. Nafiizwan bin Md. Adnan bt Ahmad Zamry Esahak 11-2, 11-4, 11-5; Choong Kam Hing bt Md. Zul Azri 7-11, 11-5, 11-3, 11-9; Ng Jo Wen bt Aaron Soyza 8-11, 11-7, 11-9, 9-11, 11-7; Md. Asyraf Azan bt Marcus Yuen 11-3, 11-7, 11-4; Ivan Yuen Chee Wern bt Md. Addeen Idrakie 11-7, 11-4, 12-10

PREMIER WOMEN

Dato' Nicol David bt Iiya Kareena Ibrahim 11-3, 11-5, 11-7; Sharon Wee bt Teh Min Jie 11-3, 11-6, 11-5; Zulhijah Azan bt Jadeleen Lee 11-5, 11-4, 11-4; Low Wee Wern bt Nurdiana Laili 11-3, 11-2, 11-6; Nessrine Arrifin bt Rachel Arnold 11-4, 11-5, 7-11, 11-6; Pushppa Devi bt Serene Chee 11-4, 11-3, 11-4; Tan Yan Xin bt Yong Sue Ann 11-6, 11-2, 11-5; Siti Munirah Jusoh bt Andrea Lee 11-2, 11-1, 11-3

MEN'S DIVISION II

Izzi Tarmidi bt Nicolas Quek 11-9, 11-6, 7-11, 11-1; Hannan Tarmidi bt Leroy Leong 12-10, 11-6, 11-6; Faris Daniel bt Mohd Hafifi Tarmidi 7-11, 7-11, 11-7, 11-8, 12-10; Kenny Foo Kean Ghee bt Mark Low 11-7, 6-11, 11-8, 11-8

MEN'S DIVISION III

Ng Eain Wei bt Andrew Lee 11-6, 11-8, 11-5; Khoo Teng Hin bt Edward Chan 11-6, 11-8, 11-7; Nishan Ravi Nekoo bt Edmund Yap 11-1, 11-7, 11-8; Syafiq Kamal bt Aqif Ampandi 11-1, 11-3, 11-6; Amir Farhan bt Vincent Tan 11-5, 11-5, 11-8; Chan Sum Kin (w/o); Jaafar Sadiq bt Md. Zulkefli Surif 11-6, 12-10, 8-11, 11-4; Mugilan Moorthi bt Anont Watanasin 13-11, 12-10, 11-6

Who's Playing Tomorrow

PREMIER MEN

Md. Asyraf Azan vs Ivan Yuen Chee Wern
4:00PM, Court 4

Choong Kam Hing vs Ong Beng Hee
4:00PM, Court 5

Md. Asfar Azan vs Ahmad Zamry Esahak
4:00PM, Court 3

Md. Azlan Iskandar vs Ng Jo Wen
5:00PM, Court 5

Kamran Khan vs Md. Nafiizwan bin Md. Adnan
5:00PM, Court 4

Marcus Yuen vs Md. Addeen Idrakie
5:00PM, Court 3

PREMIER WOMEN

Jadeleen Lee vs Teh Min Jie
4:00PM, Court 8

Rachel Arnold vs Nurdiana Laili
4:00PM, Court 6

Zulhijah Azan vs Sharon Wee
4:00PM, Court 2

Nessrine Arrifin vs Low Wee Wern
4:00PM, Court 1

Dato' Nicol David vs Tan Yan Xin
5:00PM, Court 2

Siti Munirah Jusoh vs Pushppa Devi
5:00PM, Court 1

Ilya Kareena Ibrahim vs Yong Sue Ann
5:00PM, Court 8

Andrea Lee vs Serene Chee
5:00PM, Court 6

MEN'S DIVISION II

Izzi Tarmidi vs Md. Raja Adam Bin Razaman
6:00PM, Court 2

Hannan Tarmidi vs Sharil Shahidan
6:00PM, Court 1

Kenneth Low vs Faris Daniel
7:00PM, Court 2

Aaron Chee vs Kenny Foo Kean Ghee
7:00PM, Court 1

MEN'S DIVISION III

Vincent Tan vs Md. Rizal Lugman
6:00PM, Court 9

Md. Zulkefli Surif vs Anont Watanasin
6:00PM, Court 8

Andrew Lee vs Edward Chan
6:00PM, Court 7

Edmund Yap vs Aqif Ampandi
6:00PM, Court 6

Amir Farhan vs Chan Sum Kin
7:00PM, Court 9

Jaafar Sadiq vs Mugilan Moorthi
7:00PM, Court 8

Ng Eain Wei vs Khoo Teng Hin
7:00PM, Court 7

Nishan Ravi Nekoo vs Syafiq Kamal
7:00PM, Court 6

MEN'S VETERAN 45+

Raymond Arnold vs Lawrence Kwan
8:00PM, Court 9

Ng Hong Yuen vs Foo Chee Keong
8:00PM, Court 8

Peter Che Nyuk Min vs Colin Robertson
8:00PM, Court 7

Chee Yew Chai vs Tarmidi Saad
8:00PM, Court 6

TC MALAYSIAN NATIONALS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Detail	Category	Time	Location
Thursday	15 July	Quarters	Premier Men	4:00PM - 6:00PM	Courts 3,4,5
		Quarters	Premier Women	4:00PM - 6:00PM	Courts 1,2,6,8
		Quarters	All Other Divisions	6:00PM - 8:00PM	Courts 1,2,6,7,8,9
		Semis	Men Veteran 45+	8:00PM - 9:00PM	Courts 6,7,8,9
Friday	16 July	Semis	Premier Men SF2	4:00Pm - 5:00PM	Glass Court
		Semis	Premier Men SF1	5:00PM - 6:00PM	Glass Court
		Semis	Premier Women SF2	6:00PM - 6:45PM	Glass Court
		Semis	Premier Women SF1	6:45PM - 7:30PM	Glass Court
		Semis	Men Div. II, III	6:00PM - 9:00PM	Courts 1 - 10
Saturday	17 July	Finals	Men Veteran 45+	1:00PM - 2:00PM	Glass Court
		Finals	Men Div. III	2:00PM - 3:00PM	Glass Court
		Finals	Men Div. II	3:00PM - 4:00PM	Glass Court
		Finals	Premier Men	4:00PM - 5:00PM	Glass Court
		Finals	Premier Women	5:00PM - 6:00PM	Glass Court
		Closing Prize Presentation	Closing	After Final Match	Glass Court
			All Other Placings	1:00PM - 4:00PM	Courts 1 - 10
		Event	"Squash Stars"		
Meet The Stars Session		3:00PM - 4:00PM	Nicol David Gallery		

*Glass Court is also known as the Arena Nicol David

About TC Malaysian Nationals Squash Championships (TCMNSC 2010)

AFTER a 13-year hiatus, the Squash Racquet Association of Malaysia (SRAM) along with Sports Intelligence Sdn Bhd have brought back the TC Malaysian Nationals Squash Championships, formerly known as the National Closed Championships. The 5-day competition runs from July 13-17 at the National Squash Centre in Bukit Jalil. Five categories will be contested: the Men's Premier and Women's Premier, Men's Division 2, Men's Division 3 and Men's Veteran (above 45). The event is sponsored by TC with Prince as the Official Ball Supplier and Astro Arena, the Official Broadcaster. The semi-finals and finals of the tournament will be aired live on Astro Arena on Friday July 16 17 respectively.

Date/Time	:	13 – 16 July (Tues – Fri)	4.00pm – 10.00pm
		17 July (Sat)	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Venue	:	National Squash Centre/ Pusat Squasy Negara, Bukit Jalil	
Event Type	:	National Closed (open to Malaysians only)	
Event Organizer	:	Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia (SRAM)	
Sports Intelligence Sdn Bhd			

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