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## **STARS IN FINAL: BENG HEE V AZLAN, NICOL V WEE WERN**

16 July 2010, Bukit Jalil : All the big names in Malaysian squash are set to descend upon in the Nicol David Arena tomorrow for the much anticipated final day of the TC Malaysian Nationals Squash Championships here at the National Squash Centre in Bukit Jalil.

Playing competitively for the first time in her eponymous arena, Malaysian squash icon Datuk Nicol Ann David did not disappoint as she quickly disposed of her younger opponent and fourth seed Siti Munirah Jusoh in straight sets, winning the semi-final 11-7, 11-8, 11-3.

Although Nicol is the world number one, she has yet to win this prestigious national title, as this is the first time it is held after a 13-year lapse.

“Siti has really improved a lot! It’s great to play on this court and it’s great to be in the finals,” said the pleased Penangite, who will meet her fellow stateswoman Low Wee Wern in the final.

“She’s from Penang like me, so I’m very proud of her. She’s also very good so I’ll have to play my shots well and have a good game plan,” added the 26-year-old who is currently world number one women’s player.

Low Wee Wern booked her date with Nicol after coming from a set beating defending champion of the National Closed Championships, Sharon Wee 7-11, 11-3, 11-9, 11-5 in the other semi-final match.

“It was a close game. Sharon played very well but my victory in the third match was crucial,” said Wee Wern, who beat Sharon for the first time in competition earlier this year in the Chennai Open.

Wee Wern, ranked 26th in the world and climbing, has met Nicol competitively just two times before, and was very excited at the prospect of challenging the world number one for the title.

“Nicol is more used to playing in the glass court, so she may have an advantage but it’s a very big game for me and I really want to do my best,” said Wee Wern.

In the men’s action, second seed Ong Beng Hee overcame a resilient Nafiizwan Adnan 11-8, 11-9, 7-11, 11-6 in the first match of the day to book his spot in the final.

“It was a closely fought game. He’s young, hungry and has improved a lot over the last few months. In the end I think my experience paid off,” said Beng Hee.

Thirty-year-old Beng Hee led 9-0 in the fourth game but allowed the 24-year-old Nafiizwan to claw back to 9-5, before eventually closing out the game.

"I relaxed a bit when I had a big lead, which I shouldn't have done. But I believe many of our youngsters are very good. If they work hard and push each other to the next level, we'll have a very strong Malaysian squad," added Beng Hee, who is ranked 19th in the world.

In the other men's semifinal, Malaysian number one Azlan Iskandar came from a set down to defeat last year's Asian Junior champ Ivan Yuen 9-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-3.

"I'm a little disappointed with my slow start but every day is still a learning process, even for me," said the 28-year-old Sarawakian.

"He's my roommate, travel mate and team mate for so many years now. We know each other's game inside out, so may the best man win!" added Azlan.

All category finals will be held in the Nicol David Arena glass court tomorrow from 1pm – 6pm. The finals of the Men's Premier and Women's Premier will take place at 4pm and 5pm respectively and will be aired live on Astro Arena Ch 801.

#### Results

##### PREMIER MEN (SEMIFINALS)

Ong Beng Hee bt Md. Nafiizwan bin Md. Adnan	(63 min)	11-8, 11-9, 7-11, 11-6
Md. Azlan Iskandar bt Ivan Yuen Chee Wern	(49 min)	9-11, 11-4, 11-6, 11-3

##### OTHER PLACING:

Aaron Soyza bt Marcus Yuen	(56 min)	8-11, 11-8, 12-10, 3-11, 11-4
Md. Asyraf Azan bt Ng Jo Wen	(31 min)	11-6, 11-8, 9-11, 11-9
Kamran Khan bt Choong Kam Hing	(45 min)	11-6, 6-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-5

##### PREMIER WOMEN (SEMIFINALS)

Datuk Nicol David bt Siti Munirah Jusoh	(25 min)	11-7, 11-8, 11-3
Low Wee Wern bt Sharon Wee	(40 min)	7-11, 11-3, 11-9, 11-5

##### OTHER PLACING:

Rachel Arnold bt Teh Min Jie	(31 min)	9-11, 11-6, 11-9, 7-11, 11-7
Ilya Kareena Ibrahim bt Andrea Lee	(19 min)	11-8, 14-12, 11-6
Nessrine Arrifin bt Zulhijah Azan	(30 min)	11-6, 14-12, 11-7
Yong Sue Ann bt Serene Chee	(26 min)	11-6, 11-4, 6-11, 11-8
Pushppa Devi bt Tan Yan Xin	(26 min)	11-7, 11-7, 11-13, 11-6
Jadeleen Lee	(W/O)	

##### MEN'S DIVISION II (SEMIFINALS)

Sharil Shahidan bt Izzi Tarmidi	(18 min)	11-4, 11-6, 11-5
Kenneth Low bt Kenny Foo Kean Ghee	(24 min)	11-3, 11-3, 12-10

OTHER PLACINGS:

Md Raja Adam B. Razaman bt Hannan Tarmidi	(34 min)	7-11, 11-5, 8-11, 14-12, 11-9
Nicolas Quek bt Leroy Leong	(28 min)	12-10, 8-11, 11-5, 11-9
Mark Low bt Md Hafifi Tarmidi	(18 min)	11-5, 11-6, 11-4
Faris Daniel bt Aaron Chee	(44 min)	11-9, 8-11, 9-11, 11-8, 12-10

MEN'S DIVISION III (SEMIFINALS)

Khoo Teng Hin bt Shafiq Kamal	(26 min)	11-6, 11-7, 11-7
Amir Farhan bt Jaafar Sadiq	(40 min)	11-3, 8-11, 12-10, 8-11, 11-5

OTHER PLACINGS:

Edward Chan vs Edmund Yap	(W/O)	
Md. Rizal Lugman vs Md. Zulkefli Surif	(W/O)	
Andrew Lee bt Aqif Ampandi	(21 min)	11-9, 11-5, 11-7
Anont Watanasin bt Vincent Tan	(38 min)	11-9, 8-11, 7-11, 11-7, 12-10
Ng Eain Wei bt Nishan Ravi Nekoo	(36 min)	7-11, 11-5, 14-12, 12-10
Mugilan Moorthi bt Chan Sum Kin	(37 min)	10-12, 9-11, 11-2, 11-4, 11-8

Who's Playing Tomorrow

PREMIER MEN (FINALS)

Ong Beng Hee vs Md. Azlan Iskandar  
4:00PM, Glass Court

OTHER PLACING:

Ivan Yuen Chee Wern vs Md. Nafiizwan bin Md. Adnan  
3:00PM, Court 5

Md. Asyraf Azan vs Kamran Khan  
3:00PM, Court 4

Ng Jo Wen vs Choong Kam Hing  
2:00PM, Court 5

Aaron Soyza vs Md. Zul Azri  
2:00PM, Court 4

PREMIER WOMEN (FINALS)

Datuk Nicol David vs Low Wee Wern  
5:00PM, Glass Court

OTHER PLACING:

Ilya Kareena Ibrahim vs Jadeleen Lee

1:00PM, Court 2

Serene Chee vs Teh Min Jie

1:00PM, Court 3

Yong Sue Ann vs Rachel Arnold

2:00PM, Court 1

Tan Yan Xin vs Zulhijah Azan

2:00PM, Court 2

Pushppa Devi vs Nessrine Arrifin

2:00PM, Court 3

Siti Munirah Jusoh vs Sharon Wee

3:00PM, Court 2

MEN'S DIVISION II (FINALS)

Kenneth Low vs Sharil Shahidan

3:00PM, Glass Court

OTHER PLACINGS:

Kenneth Foo Kean Ghee vs Izzi Tarmidi

3:00PM, Court 9

Faris Daniel vs Md. Raja Adam bin Razaman

3:00PM, Court 8

Aaron Chee vs Hannan Tarmidi

3:00PM, Court 7

Mark Low vs Nicolas Quek

3:00PM, Court 6

Mohd. Hafifi Tarmidi vs Leroy Leong

2:00PM, Court 9

MEN'S DIVISION III (FINALS)

Amir Farhan vs Khoo Teng Hin

2:00PM, Glass Court

OTHER PLACINGS:

Jaafar Sadiq vs Syafiq Kamal

2:00PM, Court 8

Mugilan Moorthi vs Ng Eain Wei

2:00PM, Court 7

Chan Sum Kin vs Nishan Ravi Nekoo

2:00PM, Court 6

Anont Watanasin vs Andrew Lee

1:00PM, Court 9

Vincent Tan vs Aqif Ampandi

1:00PM, Court 8

Md. Rizal Lugman vs Edward Chan

1:00PM, Court 7

Md. Zulkefli Surif vs Edmund Yap

1:00PM, Court 6

MEN'S VETERAN 45+ (FINALS)

Raymond Arnold vs Foo Chee Keong

1:00PM, Glass Court

OTHER PLACINGS:

Lawrence Kwan vs Ng Hong Yuen

4:00PM, Court (Standby)

Colin Robertson vs Chee Yew Chai

4:00PM, Court (Standby)

Peter Che Nyuk Min vs Tarmidi Saad

4:00PM, Court (Standby)

## TC MALAYSIAN NATIONALS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Detail	Category	Time	Location
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
Title Sponsor	:	TC (Thomas Chan)
Official Mascot	:	
Official Ball Sponsor	:	Prince Sports
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