IEM G&S BADMINTON OPEN 2004

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21 August 2004 marked another historic chapter for the young engineers' section of the institution. After a lapse of almost 14 years, the IEM G&S Badminton Open was finally revived and held. This new edition of the tournament was co-organised by the IEM G&S Section and the IEM Student Section, Engineering Society UiTM, Shah Alam with the collaboration of HEP UiTM, Shah Alam. The event was held at the UiTM Sports Complex.

The main objectives of the event are as follows:

- Encourage social interaction among the public and students.
- Promote a healthy lifestyle and an intellectual society among public of today.
- Create and improve leadership skills amongst the students' representatives and encourage them to interact with the graduate engineers.

At the same time, this event also served as an early preparation for the Engineering Society of UiTM, Shah Alam before hosting the third edition of the IEM Engineering Games which is scheduled in Dec'04, also at UiTM, Shah Alam.

The one-day event managed to garner participants from all levels of the engineering fraternity.

MORNING & AFTERNOON SESSION

The IEM G&S Badminton Open kicked off at 8.45a.m. with the arrival and registration of participants at the Delima Sports Complex, UiTM Shah Alam.

Two categories were being contested, namely Men's Singles and Men's Doubles. The participants were split into two groups for singles and four groups for doubles. In the preliminary round-robin competition, for the singles' category, the winner and runners-up of each group will proceed to the semi-finals while in the doubles category, only the winners from each group will proceed into the semi-finals.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session climaxed with the semi-finals and finals. With all qualifiers out to beat each other, only "the best amongst the best" were able to proceed to the next stage.

In Men's Singles category, Foo Thuan Loong beat A. Kalaichelvan to enter the finals. In the same category, D. Yohanraaj proved to be too strong for his challenger, Punitha Rajan.

In the finals, Foo Thuan Loong, a 16 year-old teenager, dueled it out with D. Yohanraaj. Both showed their skills, commitment and fighting spirit to return every single smash from the middle of the court to the edge of the line. Unfortunately, the dramatic final ended with D. Yohanraaj, who was the Engineering Games 2003 silver medalist, having to concede a walkover due to injury to his left leg.

In the Men's Doubles category, Ir. K. Gunasegaran (an IEM Council member, also the past G&S Chairman and the originator of the G&S Badminton Open 14 years ago) with his partner, M. Kalaichelvan beat Teh Tzyy Wooi and his partner, Fook Thien Syoong to enter to the finals. In another exciting match, Young Han Wee and his partner, Young Chen Wee lost to Tan Chee Koan and Lee Kong Yong.

In the doubles finals, there was a stiff competition between the veterans and the youth. The veterans were represented by Ir. K. Gunasegaran and M. Kalaichelvan while the youth were represented by Tan Chee Koan and

OVERALL RESULT OF THE IEM G&S BADMINTON OPEN 2004

CATEGORY	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
Men's Singles	Foo Thuan Loong	D. Yohanraaj	A. Kalaichelvan	Punitha Rajan
Men's Doubles	Tan Chee Koan & Lee Kong Yong	K. Gunasegaran & M. Kalaichelvan	Teh Tzyy Wooi & Fook Thien Syoong	Young Han Wee & Young Chen Wee

Lee Kong Yong. The finals went to three sets and finally, after 45 minutes of intense battle, it was won by the younger pair of Tan Chee Koan and Lee Kong Yong.

After a whole day of fierce and exciting competition, the G&S Badminton Open 2004 finally came to an end.

The event was officially closed with a simple closing ceremony with trophies and hampers presented by representatives from the UiTM student section, Ir. Bahardin bin Baharom, IEM G&S Section's representative, Sdr. Yau Chau Fong, and the organising chairman himself.

The IEM G&S Badminton Open 2004 has certainly left behind fond memories with all participants and organisers. The games have definitely enhanced the mission of the G&S; i.e. encouraging social interaction among the public and students.

With the success of this event, there will definitely be more exciting activities to be organised by the G&S to achieve their vision.

See you next year!
G&S Boleh!

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