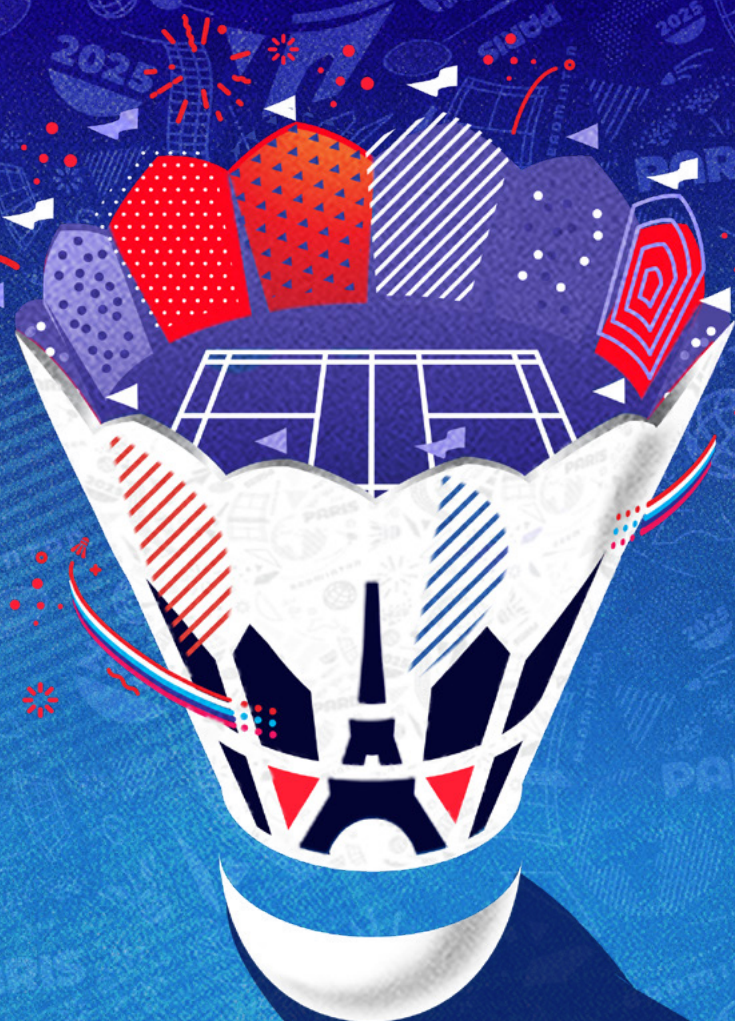




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# MEDIA GUIDE

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# FORTY-EIGHT AND GOING STRONG

The BWF World Championships stands alongside the Olympics as the ultimate test for any badminton player. Since its beginnings in 1977, the event has evolved over 28 editions. Here is its historical journey.

The World Championships may be relatively new compared to the history of organised competition in the sport, but the event did not take long to grow into the true test of the top individual players and pairs in world badminton.

The All England Championships were already functioning as an unofficial World Championships for the individual disciplines. While from the late 1940s, the Thomas Cup — and later the Uber Cup — offered an opportunity for men's and women's teams to prove themselves as the world's best, the All England had been providing individual athletes that chance with class and prestige and a tradition that dated back to the dawn of the 20th century.

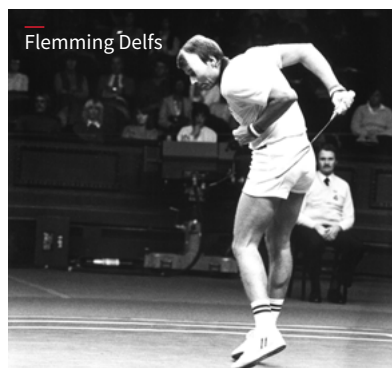
Despite this, there was still room for a World Championships. When Sweden hosted the inaugural one in 1977, it was a first step for an event that would soon travel and grow into a global tradition. By the time the fourth edition ended, the Worlds had been held in three continents.

## The early winners

In Malmo in 1977, Danish shuttlers descended on their northern



Lene Køppen



Flemming Delfs



Park Joo Bong

neighbours and took three of the five titles, with Lene Køppen winning gold in both singles and doubles. At the 1980 event in Jakarta, hosts Indonesia took all but one title.

China made their entry at the 1983 edition and made their presence felt by winning gold in women's singles and doubles. From then on, China remained a powerhouse; in 1987 they swept all five gold medals — a feat they repeated in 2010 and 2011.

Korea too were first-time participants in 1983, and would go on to become one of the dominant forces in the sport.

While historically only a few nations (China, Indonesia, Denmark, Korea) dominated the sport, in recent years it has become more open. Japan have reemerged as a threat after a long period of modest performances and players from Chinese Taipei, Thailand and India are constantly in the reckoning for the big prizes.

## Annual summer fixture

The World Championships began as a triennial event, filling the year left vacant between the Thomas and Uber Cups. After the third edition in 1983, it became biennial, alternating with the two team championships, which became a combined biennial event from 1984. Two decades later, the frequency changed again and the 2006 edition in Madrid marked the first time the World Championships had been held in consecutive years. Then on it continued as a nearly annual affair, stopping for a break only once every four years, when the Olympic Games would take over as the major event of the summer.

## Increasingly open

In all categories, the competition has become intense, and no nation is able to dominate it in the



Zhao Yunlei



Kunlavut Vitidsarn

manner they used to. A number of countries won gold for the first time over the last 12 years, such as Thailand in 2013 (Ratchanok Intanon), Spain in 2014 (Carolina Marin), India in 2019 (Pusarla V. Sindhu) and Singapore in 2021 (Loh Kean Yew).

At the 27th edition in Tokyo, four countries (Denmark, Japan, Malaysia and China) won gold medals. Aaron Chia/Soh Wooi Yik's triumph in men's doubles was Malaysia's first-ever at the World Championships.

Championships for a fifth time, the highest among all hosts. The tournament saw some landmarks achieved, with Kunlavut Vitidsarn becoming the first men's singles champion from Thailand; An Se Young the first women's singles champion from Korea, and Seo Seung Jae the first male player to win a double in 24 years (the last was his compatriot Kim Dong Moon in 1999). Chen Qing Chen/Jia Yi Fan became the first women's doubles pair to achieve three successive titles.

## Return to Paris

Just a year after Paris staged the Olympic Games, and 15 years after it last hosted the BWF World Championships, the French capital will once again welcome contestants. The Adidas Arena was a perfect venue for badminton at the Olympics, and the badminton world is set for an epic week in the City of Light!

## Milestones in Copenhagen

In August 2023, Copenhagen hosted the World



Lin Dan

## PARIS 2010:

# A CHINESE SHOW ALL THE WAY



China's performance at the last World Championships in Paris exemplified their decade of dominance.

They captured all five titles – their second sweep since 1987 – wrapping up the first decade of the millennium with a flawless display.

Impressively, this was achieved despite the early upsets of their top singles players Lin Dan and Wang Yihan. After Lin unexpectedly lost in straight games to Park Sung Hwan in the quarterfinals, it was up

to Chen Jin to wrest the initiative back for China. Chen, whose career had been spent in the shadow of his more illustrious peer, had fallen short in the 2009 final, but this time he grabbed the opportunity.

After a three-game win over Peter Gade in the semifinals, Chen overwhelmed Taufik Hidayat in the final for what would be his career's biggest moment. The women's singles similarly saw an unheralded Chinese

name ascend the throne. Wang Lin, whose biggest achievements until then had been Superseries victories in Denmark and France two years previously, was seeded seventh, but after the third round upset of Wang Yihan, capitalised on the opening, beating Tine Baun in the semifinals and compatriot Wang Xin in the final.



Wang Lin

Chen Jin



Zheng Bo/Ma Jin

Earlier, Zheng Bo/Ma Jin, seeded eighth in mixed doubles after modest results earlier in the season, enjoyed their biggest moment together after a surprise run into the final, beating top seeds Nova Widianto/Liliyana Natsir and Ko Sung Hyun/Ha Jung Eun. In the all-China final, they got the better of He Hanbin/Yu Yang in Zheng's last match.

Women's doubles was expected to be China all the way, and that's what unfolded. Three Chinese pairs made the semifinals, and Yu made up for her mixed doubles final loss as she and Du Jing beat Ma Jin/Wang Xiaoli in straight games.

Men's doubles, the most open of the five categories, saw Cai Yun/Fu Haifeng take another step towards establishing themselves among the greatest of the game. Cai/Fu had a difficult draw but aced their tests – beating Mathias Boe/Carsten Mogensen, Markis Kido/Hendra Setiawan and Koo Kien Keat/Tan Boon Heong on successive days for their third world title.



Cai Yun/Fu Haifeng



Women's doubles podium

## FORM GUIDE

How have the top eight seeds performed in individual tournaments this season? Here's a snapshot of their record in 2025.

(Abbreviations: **W** Winner; **RU** Runner-Up; **SF** Semifinals; **QF** Quarterfinals; **R2** Second Round; **R1** First Round)

### MEN'S SINGLES

#### 1. Shi Yu Qi



- W** China Open (Super 1000)
- W** Japan Open (Super 750)
- SF** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- R2** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- QF** Badminton Asia Championships
- W** All England Open (Super 1000)
- SF** Indonesia Masters (Super 500)
- W** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

#### 2. Anders Antonsen



- SF** China Open (Super 1000)
- R1** Japan Open (Super 750)
- W** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- R1** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- RU** Thailand Open (Super 500)
- R2** Swiss Open (Super 300)
- R2** All England Open (Super 1000)
- R1** Indonesia Masters (Super 500)
- RU** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

#### 3. Kunlavut Vitidsarn



- QF** China Open (Super 1000)
- R1** Japan Open (Super 750)
- SF** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- W** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- W** Thailand Open (Super 500)
- W** Badminton Asia Championships
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- W** Indonesia Masters (Super 500)
- R1** India Open (Super 750)
- QF** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

#### 4. Li Shi feng



- QF** China Open (Super 1000)
- R2** Japan Open (Super 750)
- QF** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- R2** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- W** Malaysia Masters (Super 500)
- SF** Badminton Asia Championships
- SF** Swiss Open (Super 300)
- SF** All England Open (Super 1000)
- QF** Indonesia Masters (Super 500)
- R1** India Open (Super 750)
- SF** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

#### 5. Jonatan Christie



- R2** China Open (Super 1000)
- R1** Japan Open (Super 750)
- R2** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- R2** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- QF** Badminton Asia Championships
- R2** All England Open (Super 1000)
- RU** Indonesia Masters (Super 500)
- SF** India Open (Super 750)
- R1** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

#### 6. Chou Tien Chen



- SF** China Open (Super 1000)
- R2** Japan Open (Super 750)
- QF** Canada Open (Super 300)
- SF** US Open (Super 300)
- RU** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- R2** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- R1** Malaysia Masters (Super 500)
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- R2** All England Open (Super 1000)
- R1** Indonesia Masters (Super 500)
- QF** India Open (Super 750)
- QF** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

#### 7. Alex Lanier



- R1** China Open (Super 1000)
- RU** Japan Open (Super 750)
- QF** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- R1** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- W** European Championships
- SF** All England Open (Super 1000)
- W** Orleans Masters (Super 300)
- R2** India Open (Super 750)
- R1** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

#### 8. Kodai Naraoka



- R1** China Open (Super 1000)
- QF** Japan Open (Super 750)
- SF** Canada Open (Super 300)
- R1** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- QF** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- SF** Malaysia Masters (Super 500)
- QF** Thailand Open (Super 500)
- QF** Badminton Asia Championships
- R1** All England Open (Super 1000)
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- R2** India Open (Super 750)
- SF** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

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## WOMEN'S SINGLES

### 1. An Se Young



- SF** China Open (Super 1000)
- W** Japan Open (Super 750)
- W** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- QF** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- W** All England Open (Super 1000)
- W** Orleans Masters (Super 300)
- W** India Open (Super 750)
- W** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 2. Wang Zhi Yi



- W** China Open (Super 1000)
- RU** Japan Open (Super 750)
- RU** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
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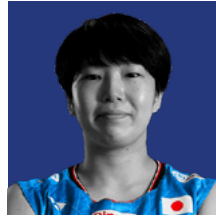
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- QF** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 4. Chen Yu Fei



- W** Macau Open (Super 300)
- QF** China Open (Super 1000)
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- RU** Orleans Masters (Super 300)

### 5. Akane Yamaguchi



- SF** China Open (Super 1000)
- SF** Japan Open (Super 750)
- SF** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
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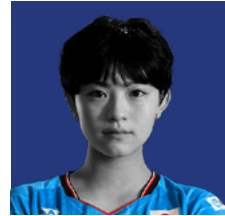
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### 7. Gregoria Mariska Tunjung



- QF** China Open (Super 1000)
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### 8. Tomoka Miyazaki



- R1** China Open (Super 1000)
- R2** Japan Open (Super 750)
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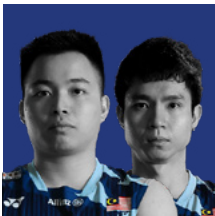
## MEN'S DOUBLES

### 1. Kim Won Ho/ Seo Seung Jae



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- W** Japan Open (Super 750)
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- R2** Badminton Asia Championships
- W** All England Open (Super 1000)
- SF** Orleans Masters (Super 300)
- W** German Open (Super 300)
- RU** India Open (Super 750)
- W** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 2. Aaron Chia/ Soh Wooi Yik



- RU** China Open (Super 1000)
- R1** Japan Open (Super 750)
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### 3. Goh Sze Fei/ Nur Izzuddin



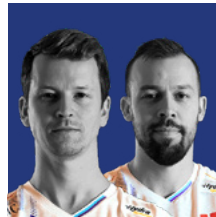
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- R2** All England Open (Super 1000)
- W** India Open (Super 750)
- R1** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 4. Fajar Alfian/ Muhammad Rian Ardianto



- SF** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- QF** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- SF** Thailand Open (Super 500)
- QF** Badminton Asia Championships
- R2** All England Open (Super 1000)
- RU** Indonesia Masters (Super 500)
- R2** India Open (Super 750)
- R1** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 5. Kim Astrup/ Anders Skaarup Rasmussen



- R1** China Open (Super 1000)
- R2** Japan Open (Super 750)
- R2** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- SF** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- SF** Malaysia Masters (Super 500)
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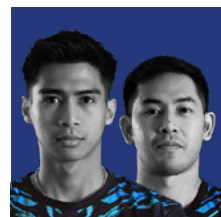
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- RU** Orleans Masters (Super 300)
- QF** India Open (Super 750)
- R2** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 7. Man Wei Chong/ Tee Kai Wun



- QF** China Open (Super 1000)
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- SF** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
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- R1** Orleans Masters (Super 300)
- W** Indonesia Masters (Super 500)
- R1** India Open (Super 750)
- SF** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 8. Sabar Karyaman Gutama/Moh Reza Pahlevi Irfahani



- RU** Macau Open (Super 300)
- R2** China Open (Super 1000)
- R1** Japan Open (Super 750)
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- RU** Swiss Open (Super 300)
- SF** All England Open (Super 1000)
- QF** India Open (Super 750)
- SF** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 2. Pearly Tan/ Thinaah Muralitharan



- SF** China Open (Super 1000)
- RU** Japan Open (Super 750)
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- R1** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 3. Nami Matsuyama/ Chiharu Shida



- R1** China Open (Super 1000)
- SF** Japan Open (Super 750)
- R2** Malaysia Masters (Super 500)
- RU** Badminton Asia Championships
- W** All England Open (Super 1000)

### 4. Baek Ha Na/ Lee So Hee



- QF** China Open (Super 1000)
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### 5. Kim Hye Jeong/ Kong Hee Yong



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### 6. Jia Yi Fan/ Zhang Shu Xian



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- R2** India Open (Super 750)
- RU** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 7. Li Yi Jing/ Luo Xu Min



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### 8. Yuki Fukushima/ Mayu Matsumoto



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## MIXED DOUBLES

### 1. Feng Yan Zhe/ Huang Dong Ping



- W** China Open (Super 1000)
- SF** Japan Open (Super 750)
- W** Malaysia Masters (Super 500)
- W** Thailand Open (Super 500)
- QF** Badminton Asia Championships
- RU** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 2. Jiang Zhen Bang/ Wei Ya Xin



- RU** China Open (Super 1000)
- W** Japan Open (Super 750)
- RU** Malaysia Masters (Super 500)
- R1** Thailand Open (Super 500)
- SF** Badminton Asia Championships
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- R2** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 3. Dechapol Puavaranukroh/ Supissara Paewsampran



- R2** China Open (Super 1000)
- RU** Japan Open (Super 750)
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- W** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 4. Chen Tang Jie/ Toh Ee Wei



- SF** Macau Open (Super 300)
- QF** China Open (Super 1000)
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- R2** Singapore Open (Super 750)
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- R2** Orleans Masters (Super 300)
- QF** Indonesia Masters (Super 500)
- SF** India Open (Super 750)
- SF** Malaysia Open (Super 1000)

### 5. Tang Chun Man/ Tse Ying Suet



- QF** China Open (Super 1000)
- QF** Japan Open (Super 750)
- R1** Indonesia Open (Super 1000)
- RU** Singapore Open (Super 750)
- SF** Thailand Open (Super 500)
- W** Badminton Asia Championships

### 6. Goh Soon Huat/ Lai Shevon Jemie



- R1** China Open (Super 1000)
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### 7. Guo Xin Wa/ Chen Fang Hui



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### 8. Thom Gicquel/ Delphine Delrue



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# WATCH OUT FOR ...

The BWF World Championships often throw up disruptors who upend the form book and knock the favourites off their perch. The 29th edition too has such talent lurking in every draw.

Of the five categories, it is undoubtedly men's singles that has seen a new wave of young challengers emerge to take on the established elite.

**Alwi Farhan** is just 20, but his assurance on court stands out. Taking on men's singles duties for Indonesia against Denmark at the TotalEnergies BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2025, Farhan toppled the in-form Anders Antonsen in a 78-minute match, showing he has the mettle to withstand high-pressure contests. In August he won his first World Tour Super 300 title. Having beaten the likes of Ng Ka Long Angus, Lakshya Sen, Weng Hong Yang, and HS Prannoy this year, Farhan could prove a dangerous opponent for the top stars.

Of the clutch of rising young stars, **Alex Lanier**, **Toma Junior Popov** and **Christo Popov** have been at the core of France's transformation into a badminton power. Lanier has already proven himself at the highest level, having won the



Alwi Farhan

Japan Open last year and making the final this year, besides winning the European Championships. The Popov brothers, despite everyone wondering how long they could manage the workload of singles and doubles, have been resilient, with impressive results in both.

One team that has emerged as a power over the last decade is Chinese Taipei. In all disciplines – particularly in men's singles and men's doubles – they have a clutch of players capable of taking down any of the top contenders. **Lin Chun Yi** has often appeared to be on the verge of a big breakthrough, and perhaps his moment will come at Paris 2025. **Lee Chia Hao**,

strikingly blessed with deceptive skills, had a brilliant run at the All England. Should he play at that level, he will be hard to beat.

Chinese Taipei's men's doubles pairs **Chiu Hsiang Chieh/Wang Chi-Lin**, **Lee Jhe Huei/Yang Po Hsuan** and **Liu Kuang Heng/Yang Po Han** are capable of disrupting the campaigns of the heavyweights.

Malaysian pairs have enjoyed a superb 2025, with even their No.3 and No.4 pairs – **Man Wei Chong/Tee Kai Wun** and **Roy King Yap/Arif Junaidi** – making an impact. Denmark's **Rasmus Kjaer/Frederik Sogaard** and Thailand's

**Dechapol Puavaranukroh/ Kedren Kittinupong** could similarly disrupt bigger reputations.

In women's singles, **Putri Kusuma Wardani** and **Sim Yu Jin** have steadily improved in recent months and could well steal the limelight, while in women's doubles, it could be an opportunity for **Rin Iwanaga/ Kie Nakanishi**, who have been somewhat overshadowed by their higher-achieving compatriots, to come into their own.

**Mathias Christiansen/Alexandra Boje**'s sensational return to form in Macau after a year-long absence will give Denmark two strong pairs in mixed doubles – the other being **Jesper Toft/Amalie Magelund**.

Korea's Seo Seung Jae/**Chae Yu Jung** won't be defending their title, but Chae returns with **Lee Jong Min**, and the pair did make an impression with two semifinals this year.



Jafar Hidayatullah/  
Felisha Alberta  
Pasaribu

Indonesia's **Jafar Hidayatullah** and **Felisha Alberta Pasaribu** came together a year ago and hit the ground running, winning their

first two Super 100 tournaments. They've rocketed to No.11 with strong performances this year, winning the Taipei Open and making the semifinals of the Asia Championships and China Open.



Sim Yu Jin

# ROLL OF HONOUR

## MEN'S SINGLES

YEAR	CHAMPION
2010	Chen Jin (CHN)
2011	Lin Dan (CHN)
2013	Lin Dan (CHN)
2014	Chen Long (CHN)
2015	Chen Long (CHN)
2017	Viktor Axelsen (DEN)
2018	Kento Momota (JPN)
2019	Kento Momota (JPN)
2021	Loh Kean Yew (SGP)
2022	Viktor Axelsen (DEN)
2023	Kunlavut Vitidsarn (THA)

## WOMEN'S SINGLES

YEAR	CHAMPION
2010	Wang Lin (CHN)
2011	Wang Yihan (CHN)
2013	Ratchanok Intanon (THA)
2014	Carolina Marín (ESP)
2015	Carolina Marín (ESP)
2017	Nozomi Okuhara (JPN)
2018	Carolina Marín (ESP)
2019	Pusarla V. Sindhu (IND)
2021	Akane Yamaguchi (JPN)
2022	Akane Yamaguchi (JPN)
2023	An Se Young (KOR)

## MEN'S DOUBLES

YEAR	CHAMPIONS
2010	Cai Yun/Fu Haifeng (CHN)
2011	Cai Yun/Fu Haifeng (CHN)
2013	Mohammad Ahsan/ Hendra Setiawan (INA)
2014	Ko Sung Hyun/ Shin Baek Cheol (KOR)
2015	Mohammad Ahsan/ Hendra Setiawan (INA)
2017	Liu Cheng/Zhang Nan (CHN)
2018	Li Jun Hui/Liu Yu Chen (CHN)
2019	Mohammad Ahsan/ Hendra Setiawan (INA)
2021	Takuro Hoki/Yugo Kobayashi (JPN)
2022	Aaron Chia/Soh Wooi Yik (MAS)
2023	Seo Seung Jae/Kang Min Hyuk (KOR)

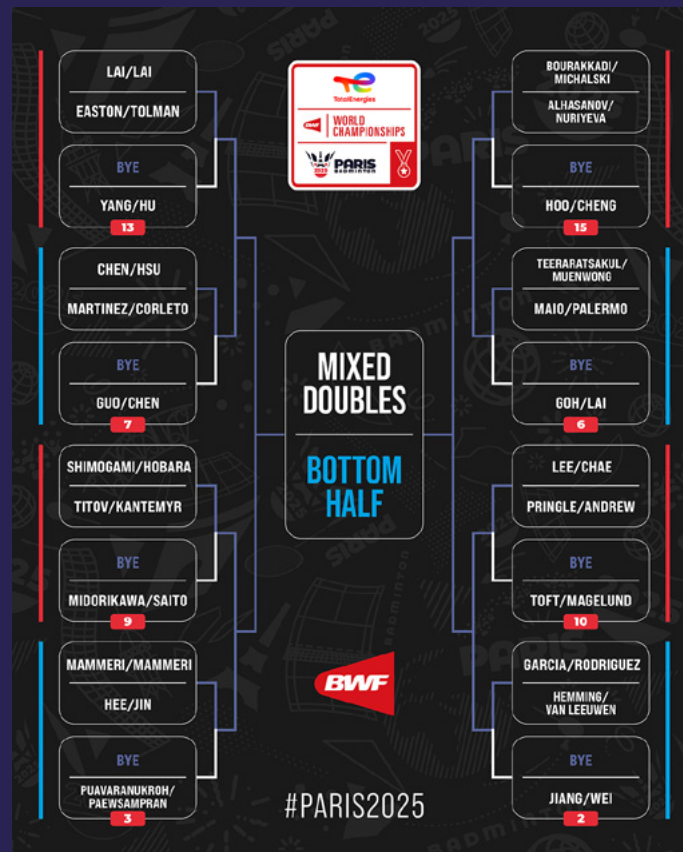
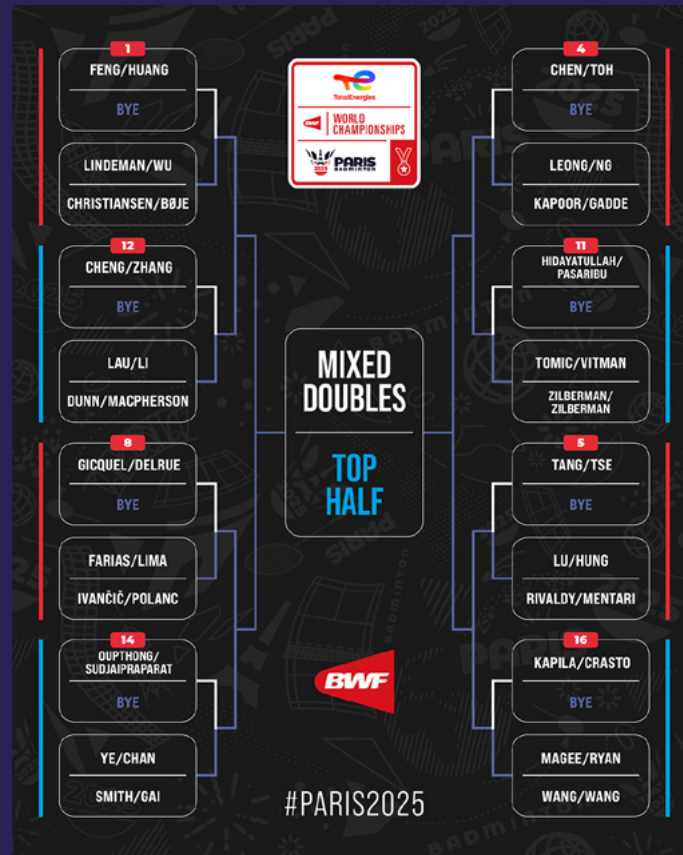
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YEAR	CHAMPIONS
2010	Du Jing/Yu Yang (CHN)
2011	Wang Xiaoli/Yu Yang (CHN)
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2014	Tian Qing/Zhao Yunlei (CHN)
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2017	Chen Qing Chen/Jia Yi Fan (CHN)
2018	Mayu Matsumoto/ Wakana Nagahara (JPN)
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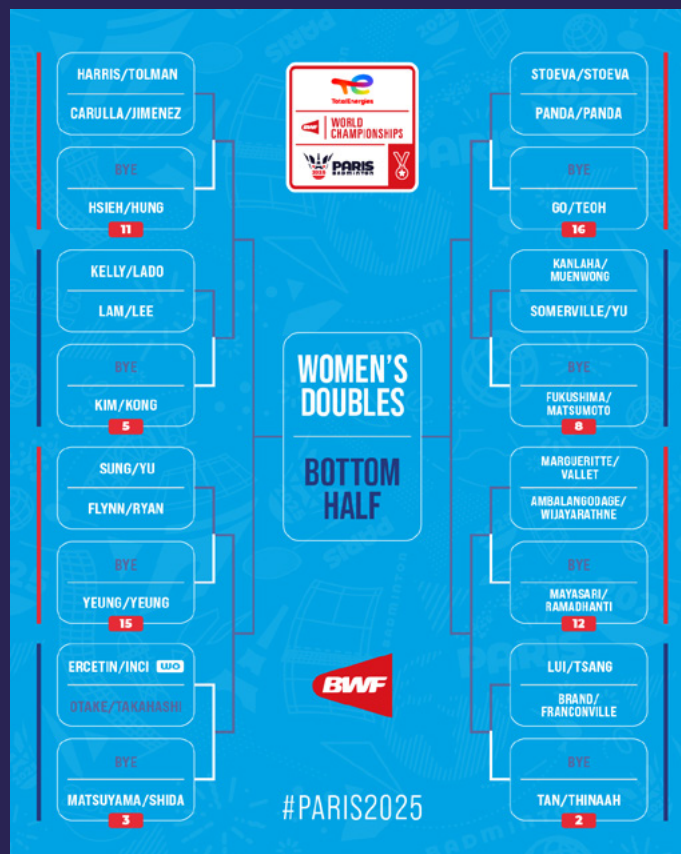
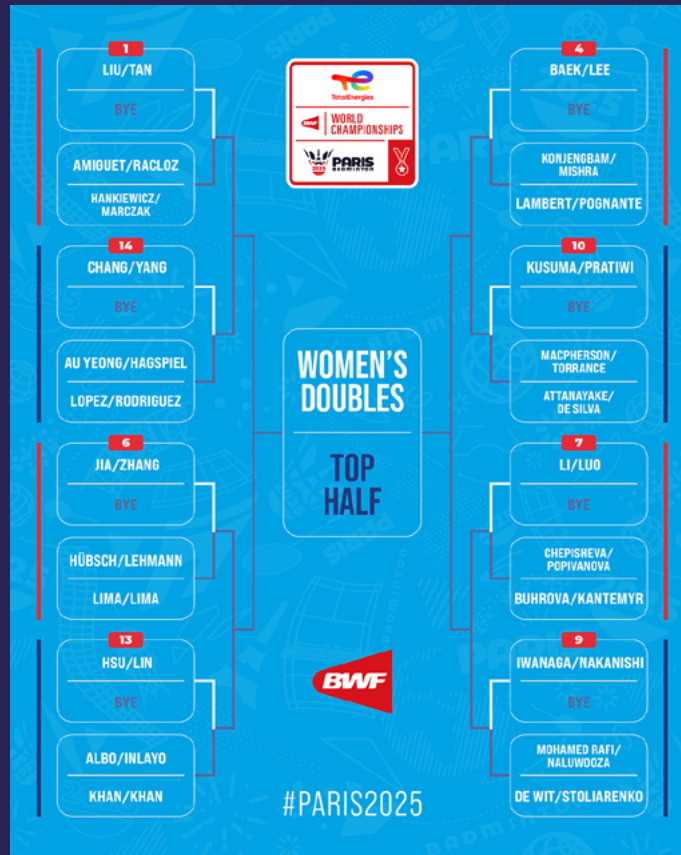
## MIXED DOUBLES

YEAR	CHAMPIONS
2010	Zheng Bo/Ma Jin (CHN)
2011	Zhang Nan/Zhao Yunlei (CHN)
2013	Tontowi Ahmad/ Liliyana Natsir (INA)
2014	Zhang Nan/Zhao Yunlei (CHN)
2015	Zhang Nan/Zhao Yunlei (CHN)
2017	Tontowi Ahmad/ Liliyana Natsir (INA)
2018	Zheng Si Wei/Huang Ya Qiong (CHN)
2019	Zheng Si Wei/Huang Ya Qiong (CHN)
2021	Dechapol Puavaranukroh/ Sapsiree Taerattanachai (THA)
2022	Zheng Si Wei/Huang Ya Qiong (CHN)
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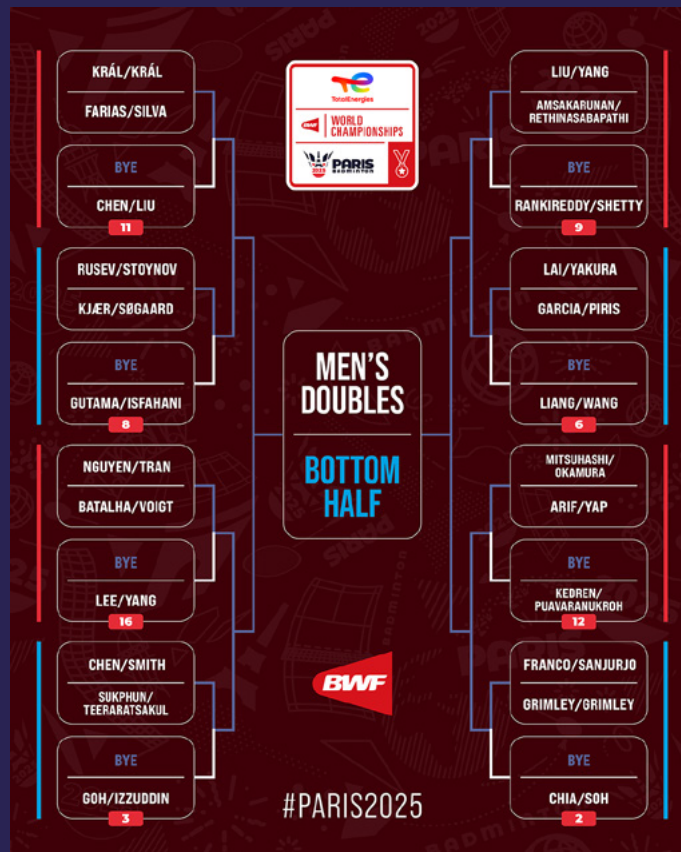
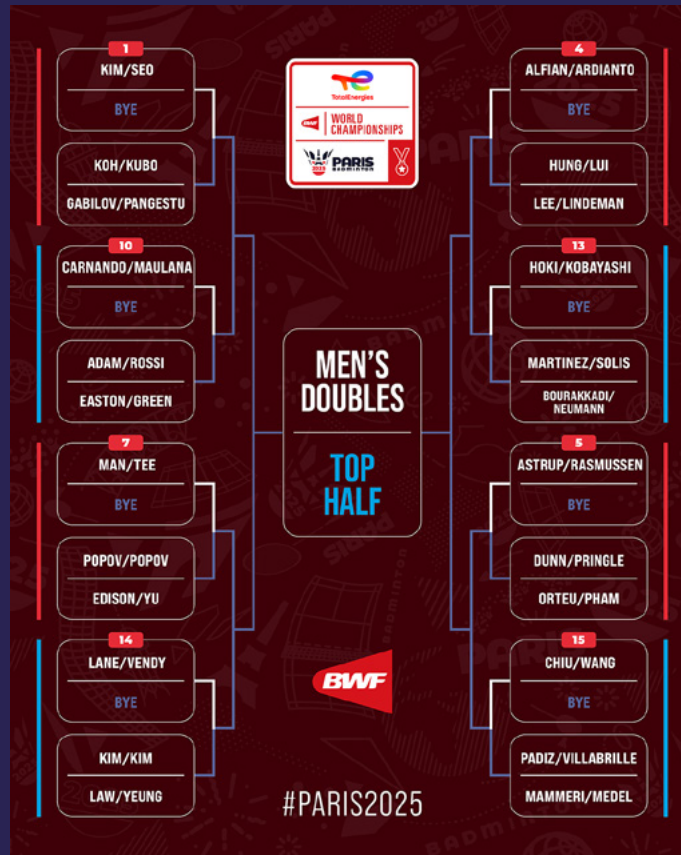
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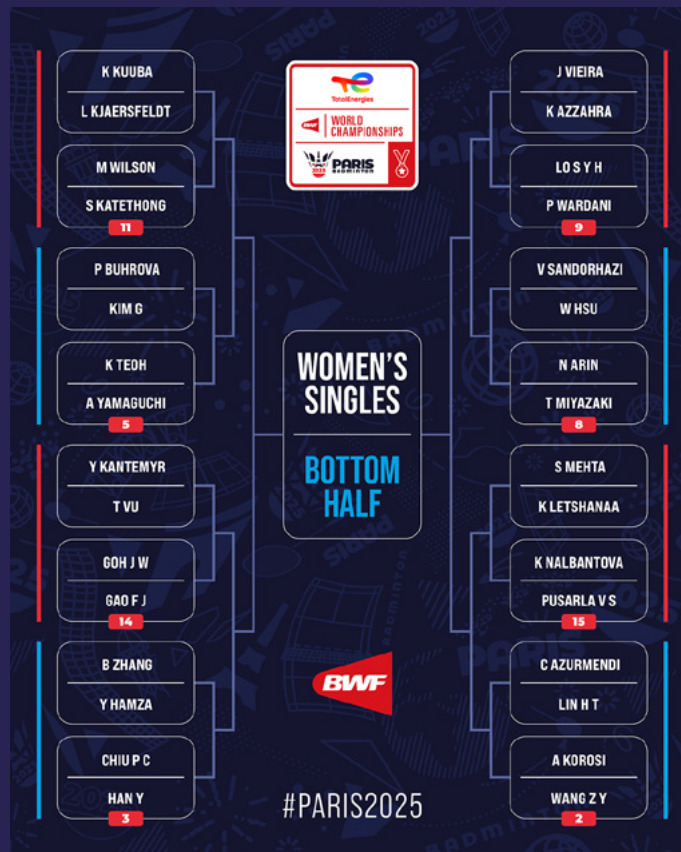
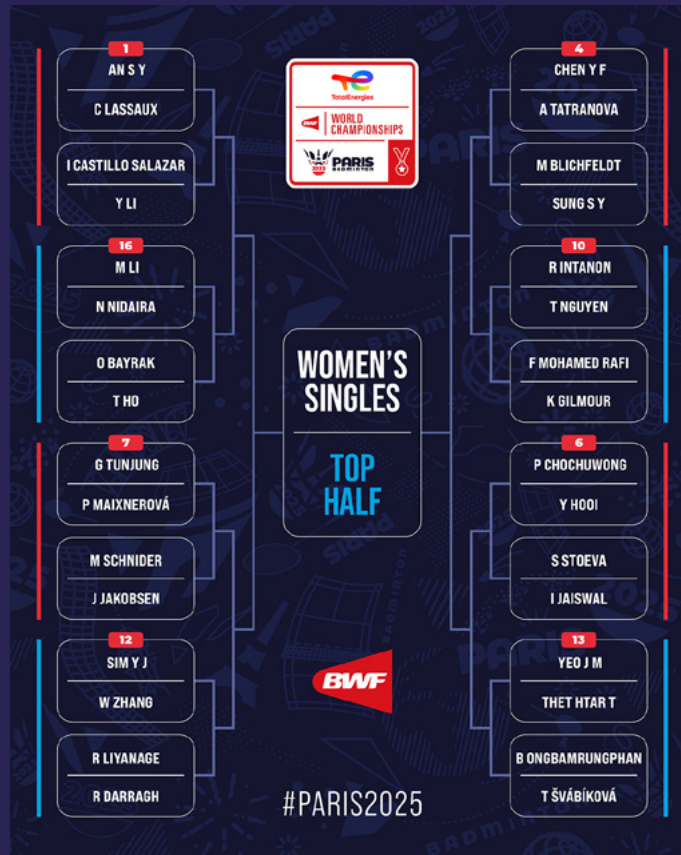
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