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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Table Tennis: Double Happiness at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Youth Contender Vila Real, Portugal, 26 Feb – 4 Mar 2022!**

It's a Gold and a silver for Singapore! Zhou Jingyi, 17 years old finished first and her team mate Ser Lin Qian, 16 years old, finished second in the U17 Girls' singles event. In the all Singapore finals, Zhou beat Ser 3-1 (11-8, 11-13, 11-3, 11-2).

Zhou said, "Ser is a great opponent and she has put up a good fight in the finals. Not only Ser is a strong competitor, she is also good friend of mine. We have often encouraged and spur one another."

She added, "This is my first WTT Youth Contender title for year 2022 and I hope to bring this success into my upcoming U19 singles event."

Zhou last secured the crown in the U17 Girls' Singles event at the WTT Youth Contender Szombathely, November 2021.

The result for the U17 Girls' Singles is as follow:

#### **U17 Girls' Singles**

##### Group stage

ZHOU Jingyi (SGP) vs Edmarie LEON BURGOS (PUR) 3-0  
ZHOU Jingyi (SGP) vs Angela RODRIGUEZ (ESP) 3-0

SER Lin Qian (SGP) vs Ines SALGADO (POR) 3-0  
SER Lin Qian (SGP) vs Hannah SILCOCK (JEY) 3-1

##### Round16

ZHOU Jingyi (SGP) vs Candice LARDINOIS (BEL) 3-1  
SER Lin Qian (SGP) vs Marinana SANTA (POR) 3-1

##### Quarterfinals

ZHOU Jingyi (SGP) vs Silvia COLL (ESP) 3-0  
SER Lin Qian (SGP) vs Adela SAZIMOVA (CZE) 3-0

##### SemiFinals

ZHOU Jingyi (SGP) vs Gaetane BLEDE (FRA) 3-2  
SER Lin Qian (SGP) vs Sophie EARLEY (IRL) 3-2

##### Finals

ZHOU Jingyi (SGP) vs SER Lin Qian (SGP) 3-1

Zhou and Ser together with their team mate CHENG Janissa will be playing in the U19 Girls' singles event, Round 32 today (28 Feb. 22).

The Boys' Singles events will be starting soon and Singapore's Izaak Quek Yong is the top ranked competitor in the Under-17 event.

For more details on the WTT Youth Contender Vila Real, Portugal, please refer to <https://worldtabletennis.com/eventInfo?eventId=2527>

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