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**Table Tennis: back injury forces Lin Ye to miss 2022 Hanoi Southeast Asian (SEA) Games**

Lin Ye will not be defending her singles gold medal title for the 2022 SEA Games. The 26-year-old is forced to miss the biennial meet because her old back injury has flared up and she is under strict doctor's orders not to resume any physical training for the next few weeks.

“I am suffering from this severe back pain. I have been receiving treatment for the last few days hoping to get better but it just hurts too much. It is therefore with much regret that I have to pull out from the SEA Games that I was looking forward to. I need to take some time off to recuperate. Now my focus is to get better soon so that I can be ready for the upcoming Commonwealth Games.”

Zhou Jingyi, 17 years old will be replacing Lin in the singles and women's doubles event. Zhou said, “I'm looking forward to this opportunity. It is an incredible honor to play for Singapore and I will give a good performance for Singapore.”

Wong Xin Ru, 21 years old will pair with Koen Pang in the mixed doubles event. Zhang Wanling, 22 years old will join the women's team event.

Ellen Lee, JP, PBM, STTA President said, “Our athletes' wellbeing is very important to us and we will support Lin in her recovery process. Lin needs plenty of rest in order to recover and we do not want to rush her recovery. This unexpected development will not set us back as our coaching team will relook into our strategies and make the necessary adjustments for the upcoming SEA Games.”

“We wish Lin Ye a speedy recovery. Lin is a key player and it is unfortunate that her old injury has flared up at this time. Her absence will be missed but I trust that the other players will come together and be united for the upcoming challenge. It is important for Lin to recover fully so that she can come back stronger. We don't want to rush things and our goal is to have a recovered Lin back again,” added Coach Jing Junhong (Head Coach, women's team).

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