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Singapore juniors finish with two bronzes at Asian Youth Championships



Singapore juniors stamped their mark on the Asian youth stage as they clinched two joint-bronze medals at the Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships 2024 that concluded on Friday, 6 July in Chongqing, China.

14-year-old Loy Ming Ying, cemented her position as one of Asia's rising stars as she clinched her first ever medal at the Asian Youth Championships when she finished joint-3rd in the U15 Girls' Singles.

She also denied China a clean sweep of the medals in the category, as she had beaten Yao Ruixuan 3-2 in an epic affair in the quarterfinal, coming from two games down to prevail 17-19, 5-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-7.

However, the Singapore Sports School (SSP) student was unable to repeat her giant-killing feat in the semi-final, as she fell to eventual champion, Hu Yi in straight sets, losing 7-11, 7-11, 11-13, 7-11. Hu would go on to defeat compatriot Yang Huize, 4-1 in the final.

"Getting a medal at the Asian Youth Championships was beyond my expectations. I intend to continue improving on my skills for future competitions. I would like to thank STTA, SSP, my coach, my team and my family for supporting me on this journey", said the youngster.

Adding to Ming Ying's bronze was the doubles' pairing of Ser Lin Qian and Tan Zhao Yun, as they had a run to remember as they also clinched a joint-3rd place finish in the U19 Girls' Doubles.



They shared the medal with the Chinese Taipei duo of Chen Chi-Shiuan and Cheng Pusyuan, after both pairs lost to Chinese opposition in the semifinals.

The Singapore pair began their campaign with a bye in the Round of 32, before carving out a come from behind 3-1 victory over Bahraini pair of Maryam Alaali and Amruka Phadke, 11-13, 11-9, 11-7, 12-10.



They then silenced the Chinese crowd when they beat Yan Yutong and Xu Haiyao in the Quarterfinals, in an epic 3-2 (6-11, 11-9, 4-11, 16-14, 14-12) victory that could have gone either way.

However, their run was ended in the semifinal by the eventual champions, Zhang Xiangyu and Zong Geman, when they were comprehensively beaten 4-11, 4-11, 4-11.

These medals mark Singapore's first medals at the championships since 2019, when the Cadet Girls team of Zhou Jingyi, Tan and Ser won joint-bronze in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia when the competition was still called the Asian Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Championships.

Zena Sim is Singapore's only gold medalist at these championships, having won the Cadet Girls' Singles title in 2005 in New Delhi, India.

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