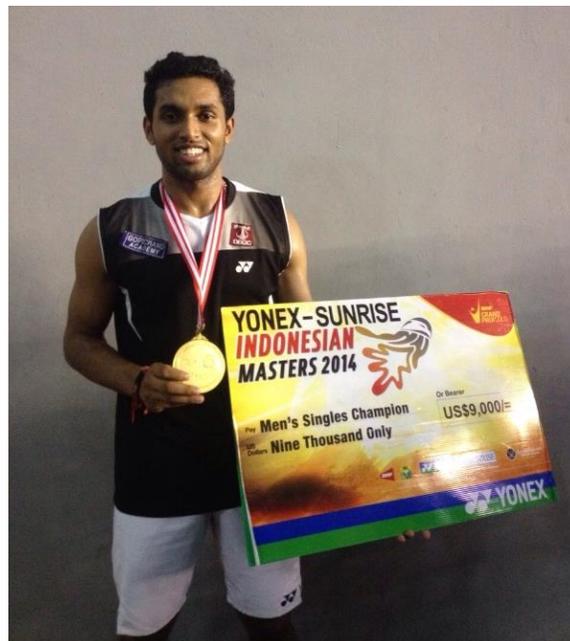


H.S. Prannoy Clinches Indonesian Masters Title

Indian Badminton youngster H.S. Prannoy defeated Indonesian Firman Abdul Kholik 21-11, 22-20 to clinch his first GP Gold.

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Palembang: Indian Badminton touched another high on Sunday when youngster H.S. Prannoy clinched the Men's Singles title of the \$125,000 Indonesian Masters Grand Prix Gold here.

The fifth seeded Indian won his first GP Gold Title at the GOR Jakabaring, drubbing Indonesian Firman Abdul Kholik 21-11, 22-20 in 43 minutes.

The World No.43 has been on a tremendous run after he reached the Vietnam Open Grand Prix final last week, following it up with a victory here.

Prannoy is the third Indian to clinch a GP Gold Title this year after Saina Nehwal won the India GP Gold in January and Arvind Bhat came out on top at the German Open GP Gold in March.

The 22-year-old Indian took off really well in the summit clash by racing away to a 9-3 lead in the first game.

The Kerala shuttler kept extending his lead till 16-11. From there, Prannoy, whose best ranking has been No.34, clinched five successive points to pocket the game.

The second game was a much more close affair with services being exchanged after almost every point. The 17-year-old Indonesian gave a tough fight to Prannoy till 16-all but appeared to run out of steam.

Taking advantage of that, Prannoy won the next four points to reach match point. But Kholik, out of nowhere, found legs to level the scoreline at 20-all.

Prannoy showed maturity and experience to shut the affair and take the game and match in the next couple of minutes.
