

## **IBL Day 2 Highlights: Saina Nehwal beats Pusarla Venkata Sindhu; Hyderabad Hotshots, Mumbai Masters win**



(President, BAI with Hon'ble P. Chidambaram & Family at IBL New Delhi on 15-08-13)

**New Delhi:** Saina Nehwal's Hyderabad Hotshots beat PV Sindhu's Awadhe Warriors 3-2 in first match on second day of the inaugural Indian Badminton League. Mumbai Masters beat Banga Beats 3-2 in the second match of the day. Catch all the IBL Day 2 highlights here:

The inaugural edition of the Indian Badminton League now moves to Lucknow, which will host the six teams on August 17, 18.

### **Mumbai Masters (MM) beat Banga Beats (BB) 3-2**



**Men's singles:** Vladimir Ivanov (MM) beat P Kashyap (BB) 21-18 21-18.

**Women's singles:** Tai Tzu Ying (BB) beat Tine Baun (MM) 21-17 21-18.

**Men's doubles:** Carsten Mogensen/Akshay Dewalkar (BB) beat Pranav Chopra/Manu Attri (MM) 21-13 21-12.

**Men's singles:** Marc Zwiebler (MM) beat Yun Hu (BB) 17-21 21-17 11-7.

**Mixed doubles:** Vladimir Ivanov/Sikki Reddy (MM) beat Akshay Dewalkar/Aparna Balan (BB) 21-18 21-19.

Player of the match, Vladimir Ivanov, who pockets USD 500, said: "Our best is still to come. We won today without World No.1 Lee Chong Wei, I'm sure we can beat every team, once he is fit to play for us."



After the loss to Mumbai Masters, Banga Beats icon player Parupalli Kashyap said: "I congratulate Mumbai. It is just the starting game for us, I'm sure we'll get positive results. Credit goes to Ivanov. Enjoyed the crowd support, hope they travel with us everywhere."





## **Hyderabad Hotshots (HH) beat Awadhe Warriors (AW) 3-2:**



**Men's singles:** Tanongsak (HH) beats Gurusaidutt (AW) 15-21 21-14 11-9.

**Women's singles:** Saina Nehwal (HH) beat PV Sindhu (AW) 21-19 21-8.

**Men's doubles:** Markis Kido/Mathias Boe (AW) beat VS Goh/KW Lim (HH) 21-14 21-20.

**Men's singles:** K Srikanth (AW) beat Ajay Jayaram (HH) 21-17 21-19.

**Mixed doubles:** V Shem Goh/Pradnya Gadre (HH) beat Marcis Kido/Sapsiree (AW) 21-9 19-21 11-8.



Awadhe Warriors icon player PV Sindhu after loss: "It was a little unlucky for us. Our mixed doubles team was playing well." Hyderabad Hotshots icon Saina Nehwal, who was awarded USD 500 for being the player of the match, said: "It was an excellent team performance. Would like to credit our senior Taufik Hidayat for his guidance all the way through. The start is good for us in the tournament, hopefully the end will also be good."



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After the win Saina says: "Lot of pressure at the start of the game, Sindhu played very well in the start of the first game. She'll play better in the next few games. We'll be cheering for our team to win the contest today.



Saina was all praise for her 'rival': While she missed out, her younger colleague Pusarla Venkata Sindhu went on a giant-killing spree and clinched the bronze in her maiden World Championship appearance. Asked about Sindhu receiving the Arjuna Award, Saina said: "It's natural when you win something at international level, you will get the award. So it was nothing new. It is good that she won the bronze medal there after beating two Chinese players. I wish her all the best."

Just after winning world championship bronze, PV Sindhu had said this :  
"I'm thrilled to win the medal, and my immediate target is to excel in the next two weeks at the Indian Badminton League. I am ready to play against Saina and will try to give my best performance. Hope it will be a good show."