

INTER HOUSE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

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The Inter-House Badminton Tournament was an immense success in terms of participation; all houses ensured that they met the base requirement for the number of players and many had a surplus of reserves as well.

The initial elimination matches saw Red and Green Houses and Blue and Yellow Houses engage in a fierce competition, with all teams heavily united against their opponents to secure their much desired spots in the final. Yellow House managed a convincing victory against Blue House, despite an early scare when they were defeated in their opening match. Yet, this was soon overcome and they dominated against the remainder of their Blue House opponents, including crushing their opponents in their first doubles match, where they won 11/0. However, the battle for a spot in the final between Red and Green House was much more intensely fought; ultimately Green House made it through, securing a slim victory in three matches out of five.

The third place match between Red and Blue House was another exciting encounter, within which Red House secured a convincing victory in four matches with only one lost. The winning duo in Red House's singles trio, ensured definite results – both of them commanding their opponents 11/2.

Last but not least, the final. The battle for this championship was the most intense. Green House fell for a trap set up by Yellow House, wasting one of their best singles players to a beginner Yellow House player in the first match. The first doubles game was passionately fought for by Yellow House, with Raid Firdous and Diluk Tilakumara securing victory for Yellow House by the slimmest of margins, winning both sets 11/10. The second singles which featured Green House's captain Aviral Bhargava was a clean sweep – with them convincingly winning their singles match against Bhanura Karunanayaka from Yellow House, 11/2 and 11/5. By now, Green House needed just one more victory from the two remaining matches, but the boys in Yellow were to face two must-win games. The second doubles, featuring Agyega Negi and Nidhan Samarasinghe from Yellow House was nail-biting. In the first set, they were down 5/10, but six straight points from Agyega meant Yellow House won the first set 11/10. The second set, despite being as close, was lost by Yellow by the exact same margin. The third and final deciding set, however, saw the best of this Yellow House duo, securing a convincing win of 11/6. The deciding match was a face-off between Yellow House's captain Dulith Kuruppu and Green House's Hirun Hettipathirana. This was a comprehensive win, Dulith dominated the final decider, despite commendable resilience shown by Hirun.

Yellow House were crowned champions in the tournament, the first time they have achieved this feat in four years. Congratulations to Yellow House.

