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Allianz Junior Badminton Championship takes Penang in Qualifying Round 2

Kuala Lumpur, 19 May 2024 – The second qualifying round (QR2) of Allianz Junior Badminton Championship 2024 (AJBC) took place from 17 – 19 May in Jesselball Pearl City Sports Centre in Pulau Pinang.

It was double joy for Lim Zheng Jie from SMK Simpang Empat after taking home the U-15 Boys' Singles and the U-15 Boys' Doubles together with partner Kuak Dolton from SMK Berapit.

Twins Yeoh Jovy and Yeoh Covy from Han Chiang High School were crowned winners of the U-15 Girls' Doubles defeating pair Eirdinna Eiylya and Ng Xiao Suan from SMK Convent Green Lane and SMK Bagan Jaya, respectively.

It was a grand comeback for the girls from Han Chiang High School as they missed out on last year's tournament. "We like the Singles too but being sisters we have this closeness, and I think that's an advantage." remarked Jovy. "Although we have different views at times but she is my sister and my roommate, after all." quipped the younger Covy.

For Jorus Lee Yu H'ng, whose sister, Lee Joinne, was a former champion at the AJBC Grand Finals last year, winning was a habit he was not about to break. The SJKC Kampung Valdor student, who is also Penang's number one in the Under 12 category, beat Ong Yung Sen from SJK(C) Beng Teik (Pusat) to emerge triumphant in the U-11 Boys' Singles.

However, Jorus chose to remain cautiously optimistic on his chances at winning the title. "There are other good players here but I would rather take it one game at a time." remarked Jorus.

In the U-13 Girls' Doubles, Chuah Tian Ning and Cynthia Ooi Jia Hui from Sekolah Kebangsaan Methodist and SJK(C) Kwang Hwa beat pair Syarifah Fashira Dayana binti Syed Jamalludin and Teoh Wen Yuan from SJK(C) Kay Sin and SJK(C) Jit Sin, respectively.

For 12-year-old Cynthia, the daily grind is something she looks forward to. The Kwang Hwa student is part of 3 clubs and is also a Penang state player. "Training is part of me and part of my daily schedule. Certainly, it's not tiring. I look forward to it everyday." elaborated Cynthia.

"I only started playing badminton in April 2022 and I know that I still have some way to go yet but I hope that one day I can become a national player." she added.

The AJBC is in its third year running and this year features the Under-11 category. The next Qualifying Round (Q3) will take place in Alor Setar, Kedah from 28 to 30 June 2024. Registration for Q3 will start on 31 May 2024. For more information on Allianz Junior Badminton Championship, visit www.allianz.com.my/ajbc

The full results for Qualifying Round 2 below:

Event	Pos.	Name	Club
GD U15	1	Yeoh Covy + Yeoh Jovy	Han Chiang High School
	2	Eirdinna Eiylya + Ng Xiao Suan	SMK Convent Green Lane/ SMK Bagan Jaya
	3	Camelia Tan Yong Xuan + Eillisha Eiylya binti Hairulnizam	Han Chiang High School/ SMK Convent Green Lane
	4	Melody Heng Yen Xe + Ooi Chu Han	SMK Jit Sin High School BM/SMJK Jit Sin (SKK)
BD U15	1	Kuak Dolton + Lim Zheng Jie	SMK Berapit/ SMK Simpang Empat
	2	Ng Li Yang + Teh Zi Yi	SMK Seafield
	3	Daven Wong + Ong Jia Hong	SMK St. Xavier/SM Chung Ling Persendirian
	4	Darren Tan + Marcus Mok Jie Xu	Han Chiang High School/ SM Jalan Damai Bukit Mertajam
GS U15	1	Ho Wen Jie	SMK Seafield USJ Selangor
	2	Eirdinna Eiylya	SMK Convent Green Lane
	3	Yeoh Jovy	Han Chiang High School
	4	Yeoh Covy	Han Chiang High School
BS U15	1	Lim Zheng Jie	SMK Simpang Empat
	2	Kuak Dolton	SMK Berapit
	3	Heng Jay Horng	SMK Jit Sun II SPS
	4	Ong Kai Xuan	SMJK Chung Ling
GD U13	1	Chuah Tian Ning + Cynthia Ooi Jia Hui	Sekolah Kebangsaan Methodist/SJKC Kwang Hwa
	2	Syarifah Fashira Dayana binti Syed Jamalludin + Teoh Wen Yuan	SJKC Kay Sin/ SMJK Jit Sin
	3	Loh Wei Ting + Tan Yee Thong	SJKC Permatang Tinggi/ SJKC Chung Hwa 3
	4	Ng Joanne + Nur Azreen Armani binti Mohd. Taufik	Penang Chinese Girls' High School/SK Bukit Gambir
BD U13	1	Ng Chia Tin + Putra Assolihin bin Mohamad Hamim	SMK Pengkalan Lebai Man/SMK Sungai Layar
	2	Cavan Tan Kai En + Tan Ee Jay	SMJK Chung Ling/Jit Sin Independent High School
	3	Chua Yi Heng + Hakkash A/L Devaraj	SMJK Heng Ee/SMK Hamid Khan
	4	Jorus Lee Yi H'ng + Magnus Mok Jie Jin	SJKC Kampung Valdor/ SMK Jalan Damai
GS U13	1	Chuah Tian Ning	Sekolah Kebangsaan Methodist
	2	Ong Yung En	Jit Sin Independent High School
	3	Ooi Xin Yan	SMJK Chung Ling Butterworth
	4	Syarifah Fashira Dayana binti Syed Jamalludin	SJKC Kay Sin
BS U13	1	Ng Chia Tin	SMK Pengkalan Lebai Man
	2	Tan Ee Jay	Jit Sin Independent High School
	3	Putra Assolihin bin Mohamad Hamim	SMK Sungai Layar
	4	Edmund Tan Wei Yi	SMJK Heng Ee
GS U11	1	Lim Yan Xi	SJKC Kim Sen
	2	Ng Zi Qi	SJKC Sin Ya

	3	Chloe Ooi	SJKC Chio Min B
	4	Chiam Hoay Yue	SJKC Kim Sen
BS U11	1	Jorus Lee Yi H'ng	SJKC Kampung Valdor
	2	Ong Yung Sen	SJKC Beng Teik (Pusat)
	3	Jake Ooi Ew Joo	SJKC Kwang Hwa
	4	Rayyan Rifqie bin Mohamad Redzuan	SK Taman Selasih

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