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## Dear Badminton friends,

Every few months Indian Badminton comes up with some great and encouraging news, thanks to our players. This time we got the wonderful news that P.Kashyap, who created waves when he almost defeated the world no.1 from Malaysia Lee Chong Wei in the quarterfinals of London Olympics, has now reached his best ever career world ranking at world no.7 spot. There is every chance that Kashyap, the current National Champion, will keep on improving his rank. He has the game and the ambition to go on and on, and of course the blessings are there from all of us.

We are happy to note that Saina reached semi-finals at both the All England and the Swiss open, and also applaud that players like Saurabh Verma, PV Sindhu and HS Pranoy came up with great performances in the European Tour. We are all optimistic about their future and we are sure that the Coaching policies of the BAI will continue to bear fruit. As an aside it was nice to note that Saina was nominated

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as Female Player of the year by the BWF. Another feather in her cap and also of Indian Badminton.

As a step to really upgrade our coaching infrastructure, the BAI had arranged a seminar at Hyderabad, called "Coach the Coaches" where-in experts in most fields pertaining to the sport, had been invited to impart their skills so that our budding coaches imbibe the best qualities and learn enough, slowly but surely, to start a revolution in Indian Badminton. The idea is to have our own BAI Certification of Coaches so that they can be deployed as per their experiences and skill and lead Indian Badminton to a glorious future.

There was good news from Mumbai where the Veteran National Championships was held in February. By all reports emanating from the venue, the event was an astounding success and I thank and congratulate the Maharashtra Badminton Association for doing a great job. I am sure our other affiliates and future Organisers of National Championships will learn good things from the Veteran Nationals in Mumbai and come up with scintillating events in their own back-yards. It is time that our domestic Badminton also rises in esteem as far as organisation is concerned. The BAI will make sure that our players get the very best, always.

We look forward to the Yonex India Open Superseries in April and the IBL in end-June, 2013. I am sure it will be held with clinical efficiency by the Organising Committee as always and that our players will bring up scintillating performances.

This Magazine is being appreciated by all and I am happy to congratulate the Editorial team for doing a great job. I request all of you to write back to the Editor your views and observations, which go towards making changes, if any, for the better.

And Yes, not to forget that the much awaited IBL will take off in June, under the guidance of the BAI. The mega-event is being eagerly awaited by the entire Badminton world.