

Commonwealth Games 2014: India's Badminton hopes

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#1 Saina Nehwal



Saina Nehwal won Gold at the 2010 Games in Delhi. Her win enabled India to the second spot on the Medals edging England who finished with 37 Gold Medals. Her best victory however came in the 2012 London Olympics as she claimed the Bronze Medal against Wang Xin of China. She was awarded Padmashri from the Government of India in 2010. Saina is currently ranked No. 8 in the world.

Recent form:

Uber Cup: Beat Japan's Minatsu Mitani in the semis 21-12, 21-13 and ensured India a Bronze Medal.

Indonesian Open: Lost in the quarterfinals to No. 1 seed Li Xuerui 22-20,21-15.

Australian Open Super Series: Won the title beating Spaniard Carolina Marin 21-18,21-11 in the final.

#2 P V Sindhu



P V Sindhu has made giant leaps in her short career so far. She was a consistent performer right from the junior stages.

Her first big victory came at the 2013 Malaysian Open Grand Prix where she won Gold. This was her first Grand Prix Title. She beat Wang Shixian 21-18, 21 - 17 to become India's first Medalist in Women's Singles at the World Championships.

She was awarded the Arjuna Award by the Government of India. Her current World ranking is 10.

Recent form:

Uber Cup: She did well in winning her singles match against Japan in the Semifinals.

Australian Open Super Series: She lost in the Quarterfinals to the eventual runner-up Carolina Marin 21-17 ,21-17.

Her form in the Commonwealth Games will be crucial for India.

#3 Parupalli Kashyap



Parupalli Kashyap was impressive at the National level as he won Gold for Andhra Pradesh at the 33rd National Games in 2006. His first big win on the International stage was at the 2010 Delhi Games where he won the Bronze Medal.

In the 2012 London Olympics, he lost to top seed Lee Chong Wei in the Quarterfinals, becoming the only Indian male player to reach thus far. He is currently ranked 20th in the world.

Recent form:

Japan Open : First round.

Indonesian Open: First round.

He did win against Korea's Dong Keun Lee in the Thomas Cup earlier this year.

His match temperament and the ability to win under pressure will be tested at the Games.

#4 Ashwini Ponnappa & Jwala Gutta



The Doubles pairing of Ashwini Ponnappa & Jwala Gutta won Gold in the last edition of the Commonwealth Games. They went onto win Bronze at the 2011 World Championships in London. They are currently ranked 21 in the world.

Recent form:

Uber Cup: Their recent success came when they claimed Bronze.

Japan Open: Second round.

Indonesian Open: Second round.

The formidable Indian pair will have to regain form to strike Gold!

#5 K. Srikanth



Srikanth had a good beginning to his career as he won Bronze in a National competition in 2012. He won the Maldives International in the same year. He backed that up by winning the Thailand Open in 2013 and reached the final of the 2014 Indian Grand Prix. He lost to Xue Song in the final.

His current world ranking is 29.

Recent form:

Thomas Cup: Beat Germany's Mark Zwiebler 21-18,18-21,21-18. India went on to win their Group C match against Germany 3-2.

The 21-year old has a great chance of grabbing a Medal for India!

#6 Ashwini Ponnappa and Kona Tarun



The Mixed Doubles pair of Ashwini & Kona are currently ranked No. 39 in the world. They will look to improve upon their ranking come the Commonwealth Games.

It will be interesting to see if they can turn around their bad string of results into winning ones in Glasgow.
