

Jwala Gutta and Ashwin Ponappa won Canada Open - 2015

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Jwala Gutta is back in the news in style after her scintillating performance with doubles partner Ashwini Ponnappa in the North American World Badminton circuit that concluded in Calgary, Canada on Sunday night.



**(Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa
celebrate their Canada Open Women's Doubles Title)**

Indian Badminton duo Ashwini Ponnappa and Jwala Gutta upstaged the top-seeded Dutch pair of Eefje Muskens and Selena Piek to clinch the Canada Open Women's Doubles Title. The third-seeded Indian pair won the contest 21-19, 21-16 in a span of 35 minutes. Incidentally, this is also the South Indian pair's first Title win following their reunion, after they parted ways at the end of the 2012 London Olympics.

In a closely-contested opening game, Jwala and Ashwini broke away from 19-19 to convert the lone game point opportunity, and grab the game 21-19.

The second game was more comfortable for the Indian pair as they opened up a 5-0 lead before going from 10-6 to 15-6 up. The top-seeded pair of Muskens and Piek, however, fought back with consecutive nine straight points to level it at 15-15. But, Ashwini and Jwala found their momentum again and did not let the advantage slip as they went on to win six of the next seven points to secure a 21-16 win, which clinched them the Title.

The journey of the duo started in 2010 when they paired up to contest for the first time at the Commonwealth Games in 2010, and they soon made history by bagging the first Gold Medal for India in the event, by beating a much-higher ranked Singaporean pair of Shinta Mulia Sari and Yao Lei.

Ashwini, 25, and Jwala, 31, went on to create more history as they became the first Indian pair to win a medal at the Badminton World Championship in London the following year. The shuttlers won a Bronze Medal to beat Vita Marris and Nadya Melati

They also went on to win a silver medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.
