

## **Shaheed Dr. K.L.Garg - Syed Modi International India**

### **GPG - 2012, Lucknow: Kashyap grabs maiden**

#### **Grand Prix Gold Title.**



India's Parupalli Kashyap was the toast of the town as he won his maiden men's singles tier-three Shaheed Dr. K.L.Garg - Syed Modi International India GPG - 2012, Lucknow Badminton event on Sunday.

The second seed and crowd favourite overcame a tough challenge from Thai Tanongsak Saensomboonsuk to win 21-19, 14-21, 21-17 in one hour and 12 minutes at the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium. In the women's singles final, though, second seed PV Sindhu faltered against Indonesian seventh seed Lindaweni Fanetri.

World No.20 Kashyap came from behind to win the first game. Despite a sprain in his back which has been bothering him all through the tournament, Kashyap came back from 7-13 down to first level at 17-all and then win the game.

In the second game, the Thai shuttler fought back and dictated terms, not giving the lead even once to Kashyap. The third game was again dominated by Kashyap, who took the lead after being level at 6-all.

The Thai made many simple errors at crucial junctures giving the lead to the Indian and Kashyap's exquisite smashes proved too good for the World No.41. "This was the toughest match of the tournament. He was very good at the net," said the 26-year-old Kashyap, who improved his record against Tanongsak to 2-3.

"It was a tough tournament for me as I was playing with an abdominal injury and sprained my back in the quarterfinal but glad to win this. At one point, I thought I wouldn't even play the tournament. The crowd support was also superb."

Earlier, World No.24 Sindhu lost 15-21, 21-18, 18-21 in one hour and 12 minutes. Fanetri levelled their head-to-head to one-all, after having lost in the qualification rounds of the All England Open this year.

The first game was completely dominated by Fanetri, who was aided by unforced errors from Sindhu. Down 5-11, the Hyderabadadi could never come back and lost the game.

She fought back strongly in the second game, taking a 12-5 lead. before clinched 12 points at the net to Fanetri's five. The Indonesian came back strongly to almost the level the game but with the crowd behind her, Sindhu clinched the crucial points to take the match into the decider.

From 10-all Fanetri took the initiative in the final game but Sindhu fought back and levelled at 16-all before Fanetri won five out of six points to clinch the game and match.

"Sindhu plays really well and considering she is only 17, she has lot of titles to win in the future," said the winner.

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