

## Winning start for India in Junior World Badminton

India got off to a winning start in the BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships 2014 which got underway at Alor Setar, Malaysia on Monday.

In the opening Group Z2 league encounter, India performed well to down Australia 3-2. India did not get a flying start when Kuhoo Garg and Chirag Sen lost the mixed doubles narrowly.

However, India bounced back by winning both the singles. Andhra Pradesh girl G Ruthvika Shivani trounced Alice Wu 21-9, 21-9, while in the boys singles Mumbai teenager Harsheel Dani registered a come-from-behind victory over Daniel Guda in three games.

Although, girls doubles pair of Reshma Kartik and Vaishnavi Iyer lost in straight games, the strong combination of MR Arjun and Chirag Shetty expectedly won the boys doubles to clinch the opening tie in India's favour.

India got a walkover from Zambia, who did not turn up for the tourney.

India will take on Uzbekistan in their third league match on Tuesday. In the evening session, India will have their first big test against hosts Malaysia.

### RESULTS

India bt Australia 3-2 (Kuhoo Garg-Chirag Sen lost to Daniel Guda-Khoo Lee-Yen 11-21, 21-13, 20-22; G Ruthvika Shivani bt Alice Wu 21-9, 21-9; Harsheel Dani bt Daniel Guda 14-21, 21-9, 21-14; Reshma Kartik-Vaishnavi Iyer lost to Joy Lai-Khoo Lee-Yen 18-21, 15-21; MR Arjun-Chirag Shetty bt Anthony Joe-Simon Leung 21-14, 21-13).

The following players are participating in the World Junior Championships scheduled to be held at Alor Setar Malaysia from 07th to 18th April 2014.

#### **Boys**

Aditya Joshi  
Harsheel Dani  
Laa Talar  
Chirag Shetty  
MR Arjun  
Rohan Kapoor  
Saurabh Sharma  
BR Sankeerath  
Chirag Sen

#### **Girls**

Ruthvika Shivani  
Reshma Karthik  
Vaishnavi Iyer  
KP Shruti  
Farha Mather  
Mira Mahadevan  
Kuhoo Garg

#### **Coach**

Shri Surinder Mahajan  
Shri Sudhir Singh

#### **Support Staff**

Shri Yogesh Shetty

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<http://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=CDB3E2C3-4A07-473A-8642-D195D99C655A>