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REIGNING ALL ENGLAND, WORLD AND OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS HEAD FOR THE 2019 CROWN GROUP AUSTRALIAN BADMINTON OPEN

More than 20 players who have been World #1 have signed up for the World Tour Super 300 tournament in Sydney

Sydney, 6 May 2019 - Badminton Australia has announced the player line-up for the 2019 CROWN GROUP Australian Badminton Open held from 4 to 9 June at Quaycentre Sydney Olympic Park.

Badminton Australia Board Member and Tournament Director, Loke Poh Wong, said, "Badminton fans are in for a treat as a world-class field battles it out in Sydney in the lead-up to the Tokyo2020 Olympics. We are looking forward to welcoming reigning men's doubles All England champions and twice former World Champs Hendra Setiawan / Mohammad Ahsan from Indonesia; former Australian Superseries winners Lee Yong Dae / Yoo Yeon Seong from Korea, and from China, former Olympic champions Lin Dan, Li Xuerui, and Zhang Nan and current All England champions Chen Yufei and Jia Yifan / Chen Qingchen."

Returning as Title Sponsor of the event, Crown Group CEO, Paul Sathio, said, "Badminton is a dynamic and global sport, and Crown Group is proud to be supporting this important event on the Badminton World Federation tournament calendar for the third year running. As a badminton enthusiast, I am thrilled with the player line-up this year and encourage all badminton fans to book their seats."

The 2019 tournament will be broadcasted to more than 150 million homes globally.

Tickets to the Crown Group Australian Badminton Open start at just \$15 with the 6-day all-session package at \$160. Tickets can be purchased online at:

<http://www.australianbadmintonopen.com.au/tickets>

A limited number of corporate seats are available for public purchase. For corporate ticketing, contact [Badminton Australia](http://BadmintonAustralia.com.au) (03) 9397 4722.



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EDITOR'S NOTES

China

Defending Australian Open men's singles champion Lu Guangzu has been a revelation. Since winning in Sydney, he's rocketed into the world's top 20 and forced both the current and previous world #1s into rubber games.

China's men's singles champion Lu Guangzu is joined by a strong field of compatriots including several former Olympic champions Lin Dan, Li Xuerui, and Zhang Nan and current All England champions Chen Yufei and Jia Yifan / Chen Qingchen.

Chinese Taipei / Taiwan

Taiwan have fielded a formidable men's doubles contingent made up of seven players who've been in the top 10. The most exciting new combination is Wang Chi-Li / Lee Yang who must be title contenders.

England

Gabrielle and Chris Adcock, the most consistent top 10 mixed pairing across the years, are coming!

Hong Kong

Hong Kong's mixed doubles former world #2 Tse Ying Suet / Tang Chun Man are headed for Sydney along with the always exciting Energizer Bunny prowess of Lee Cheuk Yiu in men's singles.

India

India set their sights on crowning themselves in women's and men's singles. They are led by former Australian Superseries champion Saina Nehwal, Olympic silver medallist PV Sindhu, and men's world #15 Sameer Verma.

Indonesia

ABO19 welcomes reigning men's doubles All England champions and twice former World Champs Hendra Setiawan / Mohammad Ahsan.

Indonesia are title threats across all three doubles categories. In particular, both top 10 mixed pairs Widjaja/Faizal and Oktavianti/Jordan are ones to watch.

Japan

Japan rostered every top ten player in their stable across four disciplines including all doubles. That alone accounts for almost 20 players! And they are bringing the rest of their top 20 too! Notably stars are reigning Asia Championship winners men's pair Endo/Watanabe, former World Champion Nozomi Okuhara, and current women's World Champion Nagahara / Matsumoto.

Korea

Former Australian Superseries winners Lee Yong Dae / Yoo Yeon Seong are reuniting for the ABO!

Korea have too many luminaries to mention. Men's doubles boasts former #1s Lee/Yoo and former World Champs Ko/Shin. Women's doubles has former All England women's champ Chang Ye Na, and mixed doubles has former Worlds silver medallist and Korean Masters winner Eom Hye Won.

Malaysia

Malaysia's Olympic silver medallists in men's and mixed doubles shall arrive with back up from All England men's finalists Aaron Chia / Soh Wooi Yik and Singapore Open mixed finalists Lai Pei Jing / Tan Kian Meng.

Thailand

Thailand's strength in singles will be on show. Former World Champion and world #1 Ratchanok Intanon is flanked by Japan Open men's runner-up Khosit Phetpradab and talented former top 10 men's pair Bodin Isara / Maneepong Jongjit.

About the Crown Group Australian Badminton Open:

The Open has been hosted in Sydney by Badminton Australia since 2012. It was upgraded to a Superseries level in 2014, forming part of the BWF's international 12-leg Superseries. From 2018 to 2021, it will be part of the BWF's World Tour Super 300 series. The first World Tour event was held at the Quaycentre Sydney Olympic Park from 08 to 13 May 2018.

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