

Badminton players top National Championships

We are thrilled to share the outstanding achievements of our Badminton players at the recent Under 19 National Championships held in Adelaide. The girls' hard work and dedication yielded remarkable results as they showcased their exceptional talent on the national stage.

In the team events, the Meriden girls represented both NSW teams that emerged victorious in their respective divisions. The combined efforts of Sydney Tjonadi, Victoria Tjonadi and Isabella Yan led NSW Team 1 to claim the championship title, while Victoria Li proved vital to the victory of NSW Team 2.

In the individual events, the girls continued to shine and delivered impressive performances. There were several highlights including:

- Victoria Li showcased her abilities by reaching the Quarterfinals in the Singles event.
- Victoria Tjonadi reached the Quarterfinals in the Singles event, while also earning a bronze medal in the Doubles. Victoria was the youngest player to be placed on the podium.
- Isabella Yan earned a silver medal in the Mixed Doubles and the championship title in the Singles event.
- Sydney Tjonadi showcased her talent by securing a bronze medal in both the Singles and Doubles events. Furthermore, she won the championship title in the Mixed Doubles event.



Isabella Yan, Sydney Tjonadi and Victoria Tjonadi

The exceptional performances of the Meriden players garnered attention from national selectors. The Under 19 National Championships event serves as a platform for selecting representatives for the World Junior Championships.

In recognition of her outstanding sportsmanship, court demeanour and determination, Sydney Tjonadi was honoured with the Joy Twining Perpetual Trophy. Moreover, she was awarded the Commonwealth Games NSW Athlete Grant in June, highlighting her dedication and promising future as an athlete.

Meriden extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the girls on their remarkable achievements at the Under 19 National Championships. We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Victoria Tjonadi's achievement in another arena. Victoria recently passed her AMEB Pianoforte Certificate of Performance (CMUS) examination with Honours (A).

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