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Defending Champion Sai Praneeth Back to Defend His Title Reigning Commonwealth Games Champions Chris and Gabrielle Adcock eager for more triumphs

[SINGAPORE, 4 June 2018] The champion is back, as India's Sai Praneeth has confirmed that he will defend his Singapore Badminton Open men's singles title from 17th to 22nd July 2018 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium.

The 25-year-old right-hander won his maiden Superseries title in impressive fashion in Singapore last year, beating compatriot K. Srikanth 17-21, 21-17, 21-12 in the final. He followed that victory with another title win at the 2017 Thailand Open, and returns to the Republic with a wealth of experience under his belt. He also won the 2016 Canada Open.

The World No.18 believes he is hungrier than ever for more success as he outlines his targets. He said: "2017 was a wonderful year for me, capping it off with a Gold at the Singapore Badminton Open was a great reward for my hard work. Defending my title this year is going to be challenging, but I will make my fans proud."

It will also be a reunion of sorts for Praneeth with his former coach Mulyo Handoyo, who is currently in his second stint as head coach of the Singapore national team. The 57-year-old Indonesian was India's national coach from February 2017 to February 2018 and is credited with putting in place a training system that yielded five Superseries titles in 2017 -- four from Srikanth (Indonesian Open, Australian Open, Denmark Open, French Open) and one from Praneeth (Singapore Open).

Praneeth will be part of an 18-strong Indian contingent consisting of rising badminton stars from the country, such as men's World No.40 Kashyap Parupalli, women's World No.91 Mugdha Agrey and India's top-ranked women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponappa and N. Sikki Reddy.

India, together with Hong Kong and England, have all confirmed their entries at the Singapore Badminton Open 2018. The four nations will join Chinese Taipei, Thailand, and Indonesia at the event.

Just as eager to make their mark in this year's event is England, whose 13-strong squad feature household names in search of fresh glory. Power couple Chris and Gabrielle Adcock will make the trip down to Singapore with aims of setting the competition alight with their consummate synergy. The dynamic duo has it all to play for, having won Gold at the 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth Games and a Bronze at the 2017 BWF World Championships.



Adding to the competition will be Hong Kong, who have submitted a team comprising 26 shuttlers, led by their top mixed doubles pair of Tang Chun Man and Tse Ying Suet. The World No.3 duo were triumphant in January's Perodua Malaysian Masters, this year's first Super 500 series event. They were also victorious in the Denmark Open Premier Superseries in 2017, and were runners-up in last year's Dubai World Superseries Finals.

The Singapore Open is seen as a fertile ground to unearth rising stars and dark horses. Many of today's stars, such as Japan's Kenji Momota, China's Sun Yu and Indonesia's Tommy Sugiarto and Angga Pratama/Ricky Karanda Suwardi, won their maiden trophies at the event.

Tickets for the Singapore Badminton Open 2018 are available via Sports Hub Tix and APAC Tix.

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Player Entry List

Chinese Taipei

Event	Member ID	Country	Player	Gender	Request status
MS	34810	TPE	CHOU, Tien Chen	Male	
MS	87375	TPE	WANG, Tzu Wei	Male	
MS	67100	TPE	HSU, Jen Hao	Male	
MS	91254	TPE	LU, Chia Hung	Male	
MS	76994	TPE	CHEN, Chi Ting	Male	
MS	85790	TPE	YANG, Chih Chieh	Male	
MS	90973	TPE	KAN, Chao Yu	Male	
WS	99925	TPE	PAI, Yu Po	Female	
WS	27588	TPE	CHIANG, Mei Hui	Female	
WS	76717	TPE	LEE, Chia Hsin	Female	
MD	69448	TPE	LEE, Yang	Male	-
	99102	TPE	LEE, Jhe-Huei	Male	
MD	53613	TPE	CHEN, Hung Ling	Male	-
	96514	TPE	WANG, Chi-Lin	Male	
MD	56746	TPE	LU, Ching Yao	Male	-
	59709	TPE	YANG, Po Han	Male	
MD	88829	TPE	SU, Ching Heng	Male	-
	53230	TPE	LIAO, Min Chun	Male	
MD	60516	TPE	YANG, Ming-Tse	Male	-
	79052	TPE	PO, Li-Wei	Male	
MD	77983	TPE	LIAO, Chi-Hung	Male	-
	90973	TPE	KAN, Chao Yu	Male	
WD	74561	TPE	HSU, Ya Ching	Female	-
	95143	TPE	WU, Ti Jung	Female	
WD	51518	TPE	CHEN, Hsiao Huan	Female	-
	87176	TPE	HU, Ling Fang	Female	
XD	69448	TPE	LEE, Yang	Male	-
	74561	TPE	HSU, Ya Ching	Female	
XD	96514	TPE	WANG, Chi-Lin	Male	-
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XD	56746	TPE	LU, Ching Yao	Male	-
	87176	TPE	HU, Ling Fang	Female	
XD	53230	TPE	LIAO, Min Chun	Male	-
	51518	TPE	CHEN, Hsiao Huan	Female	

25 Unique players in this entry

Thailand

Event	Member ID	Country	Player	Gender	Request status
WS	35642	THA	INTANON, Ratchanok	Female	
WS	54511	THA	BURANAPRASERTSUK, Porntip	Female	
MD	61731	THA	PUAVARANUKROH, Dechapol	Male	
	73633	THA	KEDREN, Kittinupong	Male	-
MD	78147	THA	KUNA-ANUVIT, Pakin	Male	
	76967	THA	TRINKAJEE, Natthapat	Male	-
WD	68441	THA	SUPAJIRAKUL, Puttita	Female	
	74980	THA	PAEWSAMPRAN, Supissara	Female	-
XD	61731	THA	PUAVARANUKROH, Dechapol	Male	
	67158	THA	TAERATTANACHAI, Sapsiree	Female	-
XD	78147	THA	KUNA-ANUVIT, Pakin	Male	
	74980	THA	PAEWSAMPRAN, Supissara	Female	-
XD	73936	THA	JOMKOH, Supak	Male	
	68441	THA	SUPAJIRAKUL, Puttita	Female	-

10 Unique players in this entry.

Indonesia

Event	Member ID	Country	Player	Gender	Request status
MS	14587	INA	SUGIARTO, Tommy	Male	
MS	74154	INA	MUSTOFA, Ihsan Maulana	Male	
MS	61797	INA	KHOLIK, Firman Abdul	Male	
WS	83802	INA	TUNJUNG, Gregoria Mariska	Female	
WS	96892	INA	FITRIANI, Fitriani	Female	
WS	61665	INA	AYUSTINE, Dinar Dyah	Female	
WS	81986	INA	HARTAWAN, Ruselli	Female	
WS	68199	INA	WINATA, Aurum Oktavia	Female	
MD	59822	INA	ARYA PANGKARYANIRA, Wahyu	Male	
	74945	INA	Nayaka SANTOSO, Ade Yusuf	Male	-
MD	88126	INA	PUTRA, Frengky Wijaya	Male	
	87432	INA	GUTAMA, Sabar Karyaman	Male	-
MD	61855	INA	PRATAMA, Angga	Male	
	60692	INA	SAPUTRO, Rian Agung	Male	-
MD	86136	INA	ISFAHANI, Moh Reza Pahlevi	Male	
	87128	INA	CAHYONO, Akbar Bintang	Male	-
MD	88451	INA	RIVALDY, Rinov	Male	
	76674	INA	RAMADIANSYAH, Andika	Male	-

WD	66961	INA	HARIS, Della Destiara	Female	-
	91654	INA	PRADIPTA, Rizki Amelia	Female	
WD	95620	INA	AWANDA, Anggia Shitta	Female	-
	61489	INA	SAHPUTRI, Meirisa Cindy	Female	
WD	80851	INA	PUTRI SARI, Rosyita Eka	Female	-
	77784	INA	BARKAH, Yulfira	Female	
WD	54272	INA	MAHESWARI, Nitya Krishinda	Female	-
	84362	INA	ISTARANI, Ni Ketut Mahadewi	Female	
WD	77284	INA	KANDOW, Winny Oktavina	Female	-
	76782	INA	BANDASO, Mychelle Crhystine	Female	
WD	89865	INA	KUSUMAH, Tania Oktaviani	Female	-
	58698	INA	SUGIARTO, Jauza Fadhila	Female	
XD	54267	INA	AHMAD, Tontowi	Male	-
	14727	INA	NATSIR, Liliyana	Female	
XD	96005	INA	SAPUTRA, Yantoni Edy	Male	-
	96862	INA	ISLAMI, Marsheilla Gischa	Female	
XD	54280	INA	RONALD, Ronald	Male	-
	75853	INA	SAUFIKA, Annisa	Female	
XD	76674	INA	RAMADIANSYAH, Andika	Male	-
	76782	INA	BANDASO, Mychelle Crhystine	Female	
XD	87128	INA	CAHYONO, Akbar Bintang	Male	-
	77284	INA	KANDOW, Winny Oktavina	Female	
XD	88451	INA	RIVALDY, Rinov	Male	-
	59465	INA	MENTARI, Pitha Haningtyas	Female	

37 Unique players in this entry.

India

Event	Member ID	Country	Player	Gender	Request status
MS	53944	IND	PARUPALLI, Kashyap	Male	
MS	72555	IND	RAJARAJAN, Karan Rajan	Male	
MS	42776	IND	SAI PRANEETH, B.	Male	
WS	56940	IND	AGREY, MUGDHA	Female	
WS	76882	IND	PRABHUDESAI, Anura	Female	
WS	87945	IND	CHOU DHARI, VAIDEHI	Female	
WS	76459	IND	MOOKERJEE, Riya	Female	
WS	69619	IND	GADDE, Ruthvika Shivani	Female	

MD	89860	IND	MANDIRAJU, Anilkumar Raju	Male	-
	78600	IND	PRASAD, Venkat Gaurav	Male	
MD	75231	IND	SHLOK, Ramchandran	Male	-
	98935	IND	M.R., Arjun	Male	
WD	49765	IND	PONNAPPA, Ashwini	Female	-
	17515	IND	REDDY, N. Sikki	Female	
XD	67854	IND	DEWANGAN, Juhi	Female	-
	78600	IND	PRASAD, Venkat Gaurav	Male	
XD	72435	IND	RANKIREDDY, Satwiksairaj	Male	-
	49765	IND	PONNAPPA, Ashwini	Female	

16 Unique players in this entry.

England

Event	Member ID	Country	Player	Gender	Request status
MS	88523	ENG	PENTY, Toby	Male	
WS	50715	ENG	BIRCH, Chloe	Female	
MD	76278	ENG	LANE, Ben	Male	-
	72478	ENG	VENDY, Sean	Male	
MD	29622	ENG	BRIGGS, Peter	Male	-
	94003	ENG	WOLFENDEN, Tom	Male	
WD	80918	ENG	SMITH, Lauren	Female	-
	77018	ENG	PUGH, Jessica	Female	
WD	50715	ENG	BIRCH, Chloe	Female	-
	89068	ENG	MOORE, Jenny	Female	
XD	70333	ENG	ADCOCK, Chris	Male	-
	62844	ENG	ADCOCK, Gabrielle	Female	
XD	71349	ENG	ELLIS, Marcus	Male	-
	80918	ENG	SMITH, Lauren	Female	
XD	76278	ENG	LANE, Ben	Male	-
	77018	ENG	PUGH, Jessica	Female	
XD	58180	ENG	MAIRS, Gregory	Male	-
	89068	ENG	MOORE, Jenny	Female	

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Hong Kong

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MS	45171	HKG	NG, Ka Long Angus	Male	
MS	55280	HKG	WONG, Wing Ki Vincent	Male	
MS	14869	HKG	HU, Yun	Male	
MS	53054	HKG	WEI, Nan	Male	
MS	94780	HKG	LEE, Cheuk Yiu	Male	
MS	57924	HKG	CHAN, Yin Chak	Male	
WS	87709	HKG	CHEUNG, Ngan Yi	Female	
WS	51649	HKG	YIP, Pui Yin	Female	
WS	74916	HKG	YEUNG, Sum Yee	Female	
MD	75069	HKG	OR, Chin Chung	Male	-
	92609	HKG	LEE, Chun Hei Reginald	Male	
MD	54159	HKG	MAK, Hee Chun	Male	-
	84285	HKG	HO, Wai Lun	Male	
MD	82871	HKG	YEUNG, Ming Nok	Male	-
	87674	HKG	CHANG, Tak Ching	Male	
MD	30163	HKG	TAM, Chun Hei	Male	-
	83580	HKG	CHUNG, Yonny	Male	
MD	78880	HKG	CHAN, Tsz Kit	Male	-
	68061	HKG	YEUNG, Shing Choi	Male	
WD	68015	HKG	YEUNG, Nga Ting	Female	-
	87616	HKG	NG, Wing Yung	Female	
WD	88932	HKG	YUEN, Sin Ying	Female	-
	61986	HKG	NG, Tsz Yau	Female	
XD	92609	HKG	LEE, Chun Hei Reginald	Male	-
	55285	HKG	CHAU, Hoi Wah	Female	
XD	77689	HKG	TANG, Chun Man	Male	-
	61435	HKG	TSE, Ying Suet	Female	
XD	54159	HKG	MAK, Hee Chun	Male	-
	68015	HKG	YEUNG, Nga Ting	Female	
XD	87674	HKG	CHANG, Tak Ching	Male	-
	87616	HKG	NG, Wing Yung	Female	



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	88932	HKG	YUEN, Sin Ying	Female	
XD	82871	HKG	YEUNG, Ming Nok	Male	-
	61986	HKG	NG, Tsz Yau	Female	

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***DISCLAIMER** - Countries have until 5 June 2018 to submit their squads for the Singapore Badminton Open 2018 and until 25th June to withdraw any players from the submitted squad.