



MEDIA GUIDE

27 JULY-5 AUGUST



BADMINTON AT THE OLYMPICS

A TIMELINE

1972: Demonstration sport at the Munich Olympic Games, with 25 invited players from 11 countries. However, the terrorist attack at the Games Village in Munich delays the introduction of new sports into the Olympic programme.

1982: International Badminton Federation (IBF, now BWF) President Craig Reedie attends International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session in Rome and pushes for badminton's inclusion with IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch during a private meeting, and invites the president to the next IBF World Championships.

1983: Samaranch attends the World Championships in Copenhagen on semifinals and finals day and is impressed by the presentation of the sport and the quality of matches. Samaranch acknowledges that badminton deserves a spot on the Olympic programme.

1985: IOC Session in east Berlin witnesses badminton's inclusion in the Olympic programme for 1992. A few days later, at the World Championships in Calgary, the Olympic flag is presented to IBF.

1988: Badminton is an exhibition sport at the Seoul Olympics.

1992: History is made as badminton makes its debut at the Olympic Games in Barcelona with four events: men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles and women's doubles. Indonesia win first Olympic gold through Susi Susanti.

1996: Mixed doubles added to the programme for the Atlanta Games; title honours split between Denmark, Korea, Indonesia and China.

2000: Held in Sydney, Ge Fei/Gu Jun win the women's doubles, becoming the first two-time Olympic champions in badminton. Dane Camilla Martin's women's singles silver makes her the first European women's singles medallist.

2004: China's Zhang Jun/Gao Ling defend their mixed doubles title. Indonesia's Taufik Hidayat and China's Zhang Ning win singles gold medals. With a silver in women's doubles to go with her mixed doubles gold, Gao Ling becomes the most decorated badminton player in history with four medals.

2008: Zhang Ning becomes the first singles player to defend gold. China dominate their home Olympics with three gold.

2012: Groups followed by knockouts are introduced. BWF takes tough decision to eject four women's pairs for not using best efforts. China sweep all five gold medals.

2016: Draws post-group stage introduced. Increasing competitiveness reflected in spread of medals as no country wins more than one in each discipline. Carolina Marin makes history with first European gold in women's singles; Japan win first gold through Misaki Matsutomo/Ayaka Takahashi.

2021: The 2020 Games is postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19. Lee Yang/Wang Chi-Lin make history for Chinese Taipei with men's doubles gold.

ROLL OF HONOUR

MEN'S SINGLES

EDITION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Barcelona 1992	Alan Budikusuma (INA)	Ardy Wiranta (INA)	Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen (DEN); Hermawan Susanto (INA)
Atlanta 1996	Poul-Erik Høyer (DEN)	Dong Jiong (CHN)	Rashid Sidek (MAS)
Sydney 2000	Ji Xinpeng (CHN)	Hendrawan (INA)	Xia Xuanze (CHN)
Athens 2004	Taufik Hidayat (INA)	Shon Seung Mo (KOR)	Sony Dwi Kuncoro (INA)
Beijing 2008	Lin Dan (CHN)	Lee Chong Wei (MAS)	Chen Jin (CHN)
London 2012	Lin Dan (CHN)	Lee Chong Wei (MAS)	Chen Long (CHN)
Rio 2016	Chen Long (CHN)	Lee Chong Wei (MAS)	Viktor Axelsen (DEN)
Tokyo 2020	Viktor Axelsen (DEN)	Chen Long (CHN)	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (INA)

WOMEN'S SINGLES

EDITION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Barcelona 1992	Susi Susanti (INA)	Bang Soo Hyun (KOR)	Huang Ha (CHN); Tang JiuHong (CHN)
Atlanta 1996	Bang Soo Hyun (KOR)	Mia Audina (INA)	Susi Susanti (INA)
Sydney 2000	Gong Zhichao (CHN)	Camilla Martin (DEN)	Ye Zhaoying (CHN)
Athens 2004	Zhang Ning (CHN)	Mia Audina (NED)	Zhou Mi (CHN)
Beijing 2008	Zhang Ning (CHN)	Xie Xingfang (CHN)	Maria Kristin Yulianti (INA)
London 2012	Li Xuerui (CHN)	Wang Yihan (CHN)	Saina Nehwal (IND)
Rio 2016	Carolina Marin (ESP)	Pusarla V. Sindhu (IND)	Nozomi Okuhara (JPN)
Tokyo 2020	Chen Yu Fei (CHN)	Tai Tzu Ying (TPE)	Pusarla V. Sindhu (IND)

MEN'S DOUBLES

EDITION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Barcelona 1992	Kim Moon Soo/Park Joo Bong (KOR)	Eddy Hartono/Rudy Gunawan (INA)	Li Yongbo/Tian Bingyi (CHN); Razif Sidek/Jalani Sidek (MAS)
Atlanta 1996	Rexy Mainaky/Ricky Subagja (INA)	Cheah Soon Kit/Yap Kim Hock (MAS)	Antonius Ariantho/Denny Kantono (INA)
Sydney 2000	Tony Gunawan/Candra Wijaya (INA)	Lee Dong Soo/Yoo Yong Sung (KOR)	Ha Tae Kwon/Kim Dong Moon (KOR)
Athens 2004	Ha Tae Kwon/Kim Dong Moon (KOR)	Lee Dong Soo/Yoo Yong Sung (KOR)	Eng Hian/Flandy Limpele (INA)
Beijing 2008	Markis Kido/Hendra Setiawan (INA)	Cai Yun/Fu Haifeng (CHN)	Hwang Ji Man/Lee Jae Jin (KOR)
London 2012	Cai Yun/Fu Haifeng (CHN)	Mathias Boe/Carsten Mogensen (DEN)	Jung Jae Sung/Lee Yong Dae (KOR)
Rio 2016	Zhang Nan/Fu Haifeng (CHN)	Goh V Shem/Tan Wee Kiong (MAS)	Chris Langridge/Marcus Ellis (GBR)
Tokyo 2020	Lee Yang/Wang Chi-Lin (TPE)	Li Junhui/Liu Yuchen (CHN)	Aaron Chia/Soh Wooi Yik (MAS)

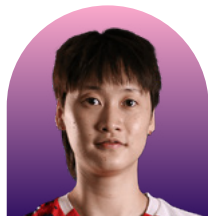
WOMEN'S DOUBLES

EDITION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Barcelona 1992	Chung So Young/Hwang Hye Young (KOR)	Guan Weizhen/Nong Qunhua (CHN)	Gil Young Ah/Shim Eun Jung (KOR); Lin Yanfen/Yao Fen (CHN)
Atlanta 1996	Ge Fei/Gu Jun (CHN)	Gil Young Ah/Jang Hye Ock (KOR)	Qin Yiyuan/Tang Yongshu (CHN)
Sydney 2000	Ge Fei/Gu Jun (CHN)	Huang Nanyan/Yang Wei (CHN)	Gao Ling/Qin Yiyuan (CHN)
Athens 2004	Yang Wei/Zhang Jiewen (CHN)	Gao Ling/Huang Sui (CHN)	Lee Kyung Won/Ra Kyung Min (KOR)
Beijing 2008	Du Jing/Yu Yang (CHN)	Lee Hyo Jung/Lee Kyung Won (KOR)	Wei Yili/Zhang Yawen (CHN)
London 2012	Tian Qing/Zhao Yunlei (CHN)	Mizuki Fujii/Reika Kakiwa (JPN)	Valeria Sorokina/Nina Vislova (RUS)
Rio 2016	Misaki Matsutomo/Ayaka Takahashi (JPN)	Christinna Pedersen/Kamilla Rytter Juhl (DEN)	Jung Kyung Eun/Shin Seung Chan (KOR)
Tokyo 2020	Greysia Polii/Apriyani Rahayu (INA)	Chen Qing Chen/Jia Yi Fan (CHN)	Kim So Yeong/Kong Hee Yong (KOR)

MIXED DOUBLES

EDITION	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Atlanta 1996	Kim Dong Moon/Gil Young Ah (KOR)	Park Joo Bong/Ra Kyung Min (KOR)	Liu Jianjun/Sun Man (CHN)
Sydney 2000	Zhang Jun/Gao Ling (CHN)	Tri Kusharjanto/Minarti Timur (INA)	Simon Archer/Joanne Goode (GBR)
Athens 2004	Zhang Jun/Gao Ling (CHN)	Nathan Robertson/Gail Emms (GBR)	Jens Eriksen/Mette Schjoldager (DEN)
Beijing 2008	Lee Yong Dae/Lee Hyo Jung (KOR)	Nova Widianto/Liliyana Natsir (INA)	He Hanbin/Yu Yang (CHN)
London 2012	Zhang Nan/Zhao Yunlei (CHN)	Xu Chen/Ma Jin (CHN)	Joachim Fischer Nielsen/Christinna Pedersen (DEN)
Rio 2016	Tontowi Ahmad/Liliyana Natsir (INA)	Chan Peng Soon/Goh Liu Ying (MAS)	Zhang Nan/Zhao Yunlei (CHN)
Tokyo 2020	Wang Yi Lyu/Huang Dong Ping (CHN)	Zheng Si Wei/Huang Ya Qiong (CHN)	Yuta Watanabe/Arisa Higashino (JPN)

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS



CHEN YU FEI (CHINA)

Like other Chinese players, Chen hadn't played internationally since March 2020, when she lost in the All England final to Tai Tzu Ying. The two met

once again on the biggest stage of their lives, and it was a sensational rollercoaster. Chen's athleticism helped her stave off the attacking variations of Tai but the Chinese Taipei star kept knocking off the deficit to come close, until she fell short at the very end, 21-18 19-21 21-18.



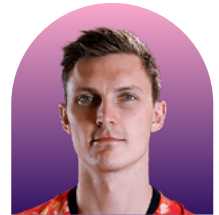
APRIYANI RAHAYU (INDONESIA)

Rahayu and Greysia Polii had had a strong early season in 2021, winning the Thailand Open in Bangkok.

Their campaign in Tokyo saw them overcome difficult opponents in the quarterfinals and semifinals, before they took on Chen Qing Chen/Jia Yi Fan in the final. Polii and Rahayu's mental strength proved too hard for the second seeds to break in the 57-minute battle, which went the Indonesians' way 21-19 21-15.

VIKTOR AXELSEN (DENMARK)

Axelsen had tuned up nicely for Tokyo 2020 with strong performances in Asia and Europe, although he was dealt a blow at the European Championships in May when he tested positive for COVID-19. Defending champion Chen Long had the greater experience, but on the day Axelsen was simply untouchable, the Dane storming past his opponent in just 51 minutes, 21-15 21-12, to follow up on his bronze from 2016.



LEE YANG/WANG CHI-LIN (CHINESE TAIPEI)

Lee and Wang had announced themselves as the favourites by winning three titles in three weeks in Bangkok in January.

Despite losing their first group match at Tokyo 2020, the Chinese Taipei duo got stronger as the tournament progressed. The quarterfinals and semifinals were won in straight games. Their final opponents Li Jun Hui and Liu Yu Chen were blitzed 21-18 21-12 in just 34 minutes.



HUANG DONG PING (CHINA)

Huang and then-partner Wang Yi Lyu were an accomplished pair, but they were the underdogs against favourites Zheng Si

Wei and Huang Ya Qiong, who had a 13-2 record over them and were looking for the only title missing in their collection. On the day, however, Wang/Huang rose to the occasion, and in a 69-minute thriller, edged the top seeds 21-17 17-21 21-19.





COMPETITION FORMAT

The badminton competition at Olympic Games Paris 2024 will be held in two stages: group stage and knockout.

The draws for the group stage for singles and doubles were conducted at the BWF office in Kuala Lumpur on 12 July and 15 July 2024.

In the group stage, all the players/pairs in each group will play every other player/pair in the group. On completion of all group matches, the ranking order of each group is determined. In singles, the top-ranked player from each group, and in doubles, the two highest ranked pairs in each group, will progress to the knockout stage.

DETERMINING QUALIFIERS FROM GROUP STAGE:

The ranking order of the group is determined according to the General Competition Regulations (GCR) 16.2:

- The ranking is established by the

number of matches won.

- If two players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

- If three or more players/pairs are still equal, ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- If illness, injury, disqualification or other unavoidable hindrance or withdrawal prevents a player/pair completing all the group matches, all the results of that player/pair shall be deleted. Retiring during a match shall be considered to be not completing all group matches.

KNOCKOUT STAGE

There will be no draw for the knockout stage in singles as the group winners progress to pre-designated places in the draw made on 12 July 2024.

In doubles there will be a random draw for the qualifiers of the knockout stage (quarterfinals). Group winners and pairs from the same group will be separated, which ensures that a group winner can only face a second-ranked pair from a different group in the quarterfinals.

FORM GUIDE OF THE FRONTRUNNERS

MEN'S SINGLES



Shi Yu Qi (China)

Born: 1996, Style: Right, attack

Nearly everything has gone Shi's way this year – with four titles from five finals, beating former nemesis Viktor Axelsen in Malaysia, to claiming the world No.1 ranking. His French Open win at the Olympic venue gives him the edge when the Games begin.



Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)

Born: 1994, Style: Right, attack

The Olympic champion went five months this season without a title – which was highly unusual considering his efficiency in winning them, but he was carrying a foot injury. He finally broke the spell with the Malaysia Masters crown in May. With his impeccable record at major tournaments, Axelsen will once again be favourite for gold in Paris.



Jonatan Christie (Indonesia)

Born: 1997, Style: Right, steady

Christie broke a 30-year drought by becoming the first Indonesian men's singles winner at the prestigious All England in March, and he followed up by winning the Asian Championships. This season has seen Christie at the peak of his powers, and Indonesian fans will hope he can keep the momentum going into Paris.



Anders Antonsen (Denmark)

Born: 1997, Style: Right, steady

Began the season brilliantly with titles in successive weeks in Malaysia and Indonesia. The Dane kept his form, capturing the European Championships and making the Super 1000 final in Indonesia. After a past season dogged by groin injury, Antonsen has catapulted himself as one of the frontline contenders.



Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand)

Born: 2001, Style: Right, counter-attacking

Has a great instinct to come good at the right moment, as he demonstrated with the BWF World Championships victory last year. Following the historic triumph, he bided his time, peaking once again early this season with a runner-up place at the French Open. Semifinals in Thailand and Indonesia indicate he is well on his way to a strong show in Paris.

WOMEN'S SINGLES



An Se Young (Korea)

Born: 2002, Style: Right, steady

The Korean has been the outstanding women's singles player over the last couple of seasons. With 10 titles from 13 finals in 2023, An was nearly unstoppable before a right

knee injury slowed her down. Nevertheless, she has battled on, and this season has won three titles – including the French Open at the Olympic venue – from four finals.



Chen Yu Fei (China)

Born: 1998, Style: Right, steady

One of the few players capable of beating An. Has had an excellent season with four finals, highlighted by a morale-boosting victory over An for the Indonesia Open title.



Tai Tzu Ying (Chinese Taipei)

Born: 1994, Style: Right, attack

The Chinese Taipei wizard held her form through the early season, winning the India Open after finishing runner-up at the Malaysia Open, but a knee injury caused her to miss a series of tournaments in the run-up to the Olympics.



Carolina Marin (Spain)

Born: 1993, Style: Left, attack

For sheer toughness of spirit, there

can be few to rival Marin. The Spaniard could not defend her Rio Olympic gold in Tokyo, but has come back strong after two knee surgeries. With three back-to-back titles this season, including the All England, Marin will be a strong contender.



Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)

Born: 1997, Style: Right, attack

The two-time world champion had an injury-afflicted season, but occasionally did provide glimpses of what she was capable of. She made back-to-back finals in France and England; her semifinal win over An at the All England showed the extremes to which both were willing to push.

MEN'S DOUBLES



Liang Wei Keng/Wang Chang (China)

Born: 2000/2001, Right/Right

Having won two of the three Super 1000 tournaments so far – Malaysia Open and Indonesia Open – and the Badminton Asian Championships, the Chinese pair were rewarded with the world No.1 ranking.



Kim Astrup/Anders Skaarup Rasmussen (Denmark)

Born: 1992/1989, Left/Right

Runners-up at last year's World Championships, they hit their career-high ranking of No.2 in June. They had consistent performances, including three titles this season (European Championships, Malaysia Masters and Canada Open) from four finals.



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty (India)

Born: 2000/1997, Right/Right

Had a brilliant start to the season, making three straight finals. Although they fell short in Malaysia and India, they came good at the Olympic venue, winning the French Open without dropping a game. A subsequent shoulder injury to Rankireddy meant they missed the tune-up tournaments to the Olympics.



Kang Min Hyuk/Seo Seung Jae (Korea)

Born: 1999/1997, Right/Left

The reigning world champions began the season well with a semifinal at the Malaysia Open and beat home favourites Rankireddy/Shetty in India, before making another semifinal in France. Since then they have had a bumpy ride.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES



Chen Qing Chen/Jia Yi Fan (China)

Born: 1997/1997, Right/Left

The four-time world champions have been selective in their choice of tournaments, competing in just six tournaments and winning two. Their French Open final win over Shida/Matsuyama showed why they are so hard to beat, and they will look to go one better than their silver medal performance at Tokyo 2020.



Baek Ha Na/Lee So Hee (Korea)

Born: 2000/1994, Right/Right

One of the few pairs capable of beating Chen/Jia, as they showed in the Indonesia Open final. That capped a fantastic tune-up period ahead of Paris, as the Koreans had earlier captured the All England and the Badminton Asian Championships.



Liu Sheng Shu/Tan Ning (China)

Born: 2004/2003, Right/Right

No women's doubles pair in recent years have enjoyed the meteoric rise that Liu/Tan have. With their senior career just into its third year, the young Chinese already belong at the highest level, having beaten other top pairs and picking up two titles this season, including the Super 1000 in Malaysia.



Nami Matsuyama/Chiharu Shida (Japan)

Born: 1998/1997, Right/Right

The Japanese might not have won a title this season, but they were

in three finals. At the French Open they showed why they should be considered among the favourites, as they were involved in a pitched battle against Chen/Jia in what was probably the match of the season. They fell after holding five match points.

MIXED DOUBLES



Zheng Si Wei/Huang Ya Qiong (China)

Born: 1997/1994, Right/Right

The world No.1s have had another strong season – starting with a title at the Indonesia Masters, a third crown at the All England, and then the Singapore Open, before an unexpected loss in the Indonesia Open final. With only the Olympic gold missing from their vast collection, Zheng and Huang will have ticked all boxes in preparation.



Feng Yan Zhe/Huang Dong Ping (China)

Born: 2001/1995, Right/Right

Defending champion Huang returns with new partner Feng; in their short stint together they have already scaled some of the biggest summits. This year saw

them win the French Open and the Badminton Asian Championships.



Seo Seung Jae/Chae Yu Jung (Korea)

Born: 1997/1995, Left/Left

The Koreans have had an up-and-down season, with highlights being runner-up finishes at the French Open and the Badminton Asian Championships. However, having shown previously they can come good on the biggest stages – they won the World Championships last year – few will bet against the Koreans going all the way.



Yuta Watanabe/Arisa Higashino (Japan)

Born: 1997/1996, Left/Right

The early part of the season couldn't have gone better for Watanabe/Higashino, bronze medallists at the last Olympics. They won the Malaysia Open and were in the All England final. After a quarterfinal at the Badminton Asia Championships, they played only two more tournaments, failing to cross the opening round of either.



Dechapol Puavaranukroh/Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)

Born: 1997/1992, Right/Right

The 2021 world champions won back-to-back titles in India and Thailand early in the season and made the semifinals in France beating Zheng/Huang in a thriller. After a brief slump, they were in the title round of the Thailand Open and the semifinals in Indonesia.

DARKHORSES

MEN'S SINGLES



LOH KEAN YEOW (Singapore)
Born: 1997, Style: Right, Attack

The Singaporean has never replicated his 2021 World Championships-winning form, but he has hovered close to the big guns with consistent performances. Having broken a long spell of not topping the podium by winning the Spain Masters in March, Loh won't be short on confidence when he takes the court in Paris.



LAKSHYA SEN (INDIA)
Born: 2001, Style: Right, Attack

Hit form at the French Open and All England earlier this year after a prolonged spell of poor form. Had injury problems in the recent past, but when fit has all the weapons and the temperament to come good and go all the way.



BRIAN YANG (CANADA)
Born: 2001, Style: Right, Steady

Has been Pan Am's best singles player over the last few years, and struck big on the HSBC BWF World Tour at the Indonesia Masters in January when he ran through a tough field and made the final.



TOMA JUNIOR POPOV (FRANCE)
Born: 1998, Style: Right, Attack

Despite being one of the very few players to play both singles and doubles, the Frenchman had an excellent season with victories over top players like Viktor Axelsen, Rasmus Gemke, Chou Tien Chen and Wang Tzu Wei, en route to finals of the Spain Masters and the European Championships and quarterfinals of the Indonesia Open.

WOMEN'S SINGLES



GREGORIA MARISKA TUNJUNG (INDONESIA)
Born: 1999, Style: Right, Attack

On her day the Indonesian can beat any of the big stars, and the Olympics could well be the stage for her to upstage some of the favourites. Riding on good performances this season, including a final at the Swiss Open and semifinals at the Singapore Open, Tunjung could bring back Indonesia's women's singles glory at the Olympics.



AYA OHORI (JAPAN)
Born: 1996, Style: Left, Attack

For long in the shadow of more accomplished teammates, Ohori has played some of her best badminton in recent times, achieving a career-best ranking of 10 after title wins at the Australian Open in June and the Thailand Masters in February.



PUSARLA V. SINDHU (INDIA)

Born: 1995, Style: Right, Attack

The last few years haven't fetched her the kind of high-profile wins she used to achieve regularly earlier on,

but Pusarla has an uncanny knack of peaking at the big tournaments. A runner-up finish at the Malaysia Masters in May was her best result lately, and signalled a welcome return to form.



SUPANIDA KATETHONG (THAILAND)

Born: 1997, Style: Left, Attack

The aggressive lefthander had three standout results this season, with the highlight being a first Super 500 title – the

Thailand Open – during a dream week when she beat Tunjung, Wang Zhi Yi and Han Yue. With a style unusual in women's singles, Katethong can be a handful for higher-rated opponents.

MEN'S DOUBLES



BEN LANE/SEAN VENDY (GREAT BRITAIN)

Born: 1997/1996, Style: Left/Right

The GB pair can go a few tournaments without making a ripple, and then suddenly strike

big, as they showed at the Swiss Open in March, when they won the title after a series of early losses.



LEE YANG/WANG CHI-LIN (CHINESE TAIPEI)

Born: 1995/1995, Style: Right/Right

It is odd for defending champions to be considered

underdogs, but following their Olympic gold, they had a rough stretch – even pairing up with different partners, before coming together again. Lee/Wang have been in reasonable form this year with three successive quarterfinals in March-April, and have the ability and the experience to go all the way.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES



JONGKOLPHAN KITITHARAKUL/RAWINDA PRAJONGJAI (THAILAND)

Born: 1993/1993, Style: Right/Right

Always a combative pair, who revel in their steady game and

long rallies, they can be hard to get past even for the very best. Having won the Thailand Open in May, and having featured in the French Open final last year, the Thais will fancy their chances of upsetting any of the bigger names.



PEARLY TAN/THINAAH MURALITHARAN (MALAYSIA)

Born: 2000/1998, Style: Right/Right

In recent years the Malaysians have run into fitness problems. If they are fully fit, they can

be quite a sight, with their dynamic movement and aggressive game. While they couldn't make a final this season, there were some positives, including a second-round takedown of No.1s Chen Qing Chen/Jia Yi Fan at the All England.

MIXED DOUBLES



THOM GICQUEL/DELPHINE DELRUE (FRANCE)

Born: 1999/1998, **Style:** Right/Right

The French have had standout results from time to time, but they have struggled with consistency. Nevertheless, having won the European Championships in April, and playing on home turf, Gicquel and Delrue will be a different proposition altogether in Paris.



YE HONG WEI/LEE CHIA HSIN (CHINESE TAIPEI)

Born: 1999/1997, **Style:** Left/Right

The Chinese Taipei pair can blow hot and cold, but when on song they're a handful. In the first round of the All England this year they blew away world champions Seo Seung Jae/Chae Yu Jung, and while they haven't won a tournament this season, they have been in two semifinals and two quarterfinals.

SMASHING STATS

GENERAL

Number of nations to have made the Olympics **74**

El Salvador, Kazakhstan and Nepal will be represented for the first time in Paris.

In total, **12** countries have medalled – seven from Asia and five from Europe.

Only China, Indonesia, Korea and Denmark have **medalled in all the categories**.

China are the only one to complete a **sweep**, doing it at London 2012.

China are also one of two nations, Indonesia being the other, to **win gold in all five disciplines**.

They also **lead the table** in all but one category – men's doubles, which belongs to Indonesia.

But it is **Korea** who have the most medals (7) in the department.

Among the traditional badminton powerhouses, **Malaysia** are yet to top the podium.

From Europe, **Denmark** and **Spain** are the only countries to produce gold medallists.

The rest are from Asia – **China, Indonesia, Korea, Chinese Taipei** and **Japan**.

Korea, however, are going through a drought, last winning in mixed doubles at Beijing 2008.

Denmark are the most successful European nation with **nine medals**.

Gold in doubles events has been elusive for European countries.

POTENTIALS

Korea, one medal behind Indonesia's 21, stand to become the second most decorated in Olympic history.

Viktor Axelsen could be the second men's singles player after Lin Dan (2008, 2012) to defend his gold.

Similarly, **Chen Yu Fei** has the chance to emulate compatriot Zhang Ning (2004, 2008) by retaining her women's singletitle.

Victory for **Pusarla V. Sindhu** will make her only the second singles player to win a medal of every colour.

Compatriots **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy/Chirag Shetty** are fancied to contribute India's first medal in doubles discipline.

No European player has triumphed more than once. Axelsen and Carolina Marin have the incentive of becoming the first.

Fu Haifeng is the only player to **win the same category with different partners** (2012, 2016). Apriyani Rahayu and Huang Dong Ping could follow in his footsteps.

Likewise, **Seo Seung Jae**, world champion in men's and mixed doubles, can become the first male player to win two gold at the same Olympics. Zhao Yunlei did it at London 2012 in women's and mixed doubles.

FUN FACTS

- Badminton kicked off at the Barcelona 1992 Olympics with a men's singles match between Malaysia's Foo Kok Keong and Norway's Hans Sperre. After the very first rally, the shuttle was saved for eventual display at the Olympic museum in Lausanne.
- The first gold medal in badminton was won by Indonesia's Susi Susanti in women's singles. Not long after, the men's singles gold went to Alan Budi Kusuma – her fiancé at the time. They married after the Atlanta Olympics.
- China are far and away the most successful nation with 20 gold medals, followed by Indonesia with eight and Korea six.
- Malaysia's Sidek brothers are the only siblings to medal at the Olympics. At Atlanta 1996, Rashid Sidek became the third member of his family to win bronze (men's singles) after his elder brothers Razif and Jalani (men's doubles at Barcelona 1992).
- Five unseeded shuttlers have gone on to become gold medallists – Korean mixed pairs Kim Dong Moon/Gil Young Ah (Atlanta 1996) and Lee Yong Dae/Lee Hyo Jung (Beijing 2008) and Indonesian Taufik Hidayat (men's singles, Athens 2004).
- Mia Audina won silver medals at two Olympics representing different countries. Audina was women's singles runner-up at Atlanta 1996 representing her birthplace Indonesia; later she emigrated to the Netherlands and made it to the Athens 2004 final.
- Poul-Erik Høyer, gold medallist in 1996, is the current President of the BWF, while the opponent he beat in the final, Dong Jiong, is the head coach of China's Para badminton team.
- Malaysia's Lee Chong Wei made three straight men's singles finals (2008, 2012, 2016). While he lost the first two to Lin Dan, he was beaten in the 2016 final by another Chinese, Chen Long.
- Four women's doubles pairs were disqualified at London 2012 for not using their best efforts to win. Of these eight players, Korea's Jung Kyung Eun returned for Rio 2016 with a different partner and won bronze, but the fairytale was Indonesia's Greysia Polii, gold medallist at Tokyo 2020.
- China's five-edition gold-winning run in women's doubles from 1996-2012 remains the longest in any category.
- When Chen Long finished runner-up to Viktor Axelsen in Tokyo 2020, he achieved a full set of medals – bronze in London 2012, gold in Rio 2016 and silver in Tokyo 2020. The other players with a full set are China's Gao Ling (two gold in mixed doubles in 2000 and 2004, and one silver and bronze in women's doubles in 2000 and 2004) and Korea's Gil Young Ah, with gold in mixed doubles (1996), and silver and bronze in women's doubles (1992 and 1996).
- At least one top seed has risen to the highest step of the podium at the previous eight Olympics.
- Polii is the oldest player to win gold. She was 33 years and 356 days on finals day in Tokyo.
- Record for the youngest gold medallist belongs to Korean doubles legend Lee Yong Dae. Lee was 19 years and 341 days when he won mixed doubles in 2008.

GROUP STAGE DRAW



MIXED DOUBLES

BADMINTON COMPETITION GROUP STAGE DRAW



GROUP A

	ZHENG Si Wei / HUANG Ya Qiong [1]
	KIM Won Ho / JEONG Na Eun
	Rinou RIUALDY / Pitha Haningtyas MENTARI
	Thom CLOQUEL / Delphine DELRUE

GROUP B

	SEO Seung Jee / CHAE Yu Jung [2]
	Dechapol PUAWARANUKROH / Sapsiree TAERATTANACHAI
	Robin TABELING / Selena PIEK
	Kocella MAMMERI / Tanina Violette MAMMERI

GROUP C

	Vuta WATANABE / Arisa HICASHINO [3]
	TANG Chun Man / TSE Ying Suet
	YE Hong Wei / LEE Chia Hsin
	Mathias CHRISTIANSEN / Alexandra BØJE WON

GROUP D

	FENG Yan Zhe / HUANG Dong Ping [1]
	CHEN Tang Jie / TOH Ee Wei
	HEE Yong Kai Terry / TAN Wei Han Jessica
	Vinson CHIU / Jennie CAI



WOMEN'S DOUBLES

BADMINTON COMPETITION GROUP STAGE DRAW



GROUP A

	CHEN Qing Chen / JIA Yi Fan [1]
	Mayu MATSUMOTO / Wakana NAGAHARA
	Apriyani RAHAYU / Siti Fadia Silva RAMADHANTI
	Pearly TAN / THINAAH Muralitharan

GROUP B

	LIU Sheng Shu / TAN Ning [2]
	YEUNG Nga Ting / YEUNG Pui Lam
	Gabriela STOEA / Stefani STOEA
	Annie XU / Kerry XU

GROUP C

	Nami MATSUYAMA / Chiharu SHIDA [3]
	KIM So Yeong / KONG Hee Yong
	Tanisha CRASTO / Ashwini PONNAPPA
	Setyana MAPASA / Angela YU

GROUP D

	BAEK Ha Na / LEE So Hee [1]
	Jongkolphan KITITHARAKUL / Rawinda PRAJONGJAI
	Margot LAMBERT / Anne TRAN
	Sara THYGESEN / Maiken FRUERGAAARD

GROUP STAGE DRAW



MEN'S DOUBLES

BADMINTON COMPETITION GROUP STAGE DRAW



GROUP A

- LIANG Wei Keng / WANG Chang [1]
- Aaron CHIA / SOH Wooi Vik
- Ben LANE / Sean VENDY
- DONG Adam (Xingyu) / Nyl YAKURA

GROUP B

- KANG Min Hyuk / SEO Seung Jae [4]
- Supak JOMKOH / Kittinupong KEDREN
- Christo POPOV / Toma Junior POPOV
- Ondřej KRÁL / Adam MENDREK

GROUP C

- Satwiksairaj RANKIREDDY / Chirag SHETTY [3]
- Fajar ALFIAN / Muhammad Rian RADIANTO
- Mark LAMSFUSS / Marvin SEIDEL
- Lucas CORVEE / Ronan LABAR

GROUP D

- Kim ASTRUP / Anders Skaarup RASMUSSEN [2]
- Takuro HOKI / Yugo KOBAYASHI
- LIU Yu Chen / OU Xuan Yi
- LEE Yang / WANG Chi-Lin
- Vinson CHIU / Joshua YUAN



WOMEN'S SINGLES

BADMINTON COMPETITION GROUP STAGE DRAW



GROUP A

- AN Se Young [1]
- Qi Xuefei
- Katarzyna WALBANTOUR

GROUP B

GROUP C

- Akane YAMAGUCHI [1]
- Picheila LI
- THIET HTAR THUZA

GROUP D

- Supanida KATTHONG [1]
- LO Sin Yan Happy
- Jofana Ufana UEBER

GROUP E

- TRI Tzu Ying [1]
- Ratchanok INTANON
- Uenne TAN

GROUP F

GROUP G

- Gregoria Mariska TUNUNG [1]
- Tereza ŠIMBKOVA
- Polina SHIROVA

GROUP H

- KIM Ga Eun [1]
- COH Yin Wei
- Johanna SCHOLTZ

GROUP I

- YEO Jia Min [1]
- KATE FOO KUNE
- Doreen VANBROUWER

GROUP J

- Aya OMORI [1]
- Ines Lucia CRISTELLO
- Nadine BRIN

GROUP K

- Beluen ZHANG [1]
- NGUYEN Thuy Linh
- Tiffany HO

GROUP L

- Carolina MARIN [1]
- Rachael DRURYCH
- Terjina STADELMANN

GROUP M

- PUSPALA M. Sindhu [1]
- Kristin KUUBA
- Fathimath Nabaaah ABDOU RAZZO

GROUP N

- HE Bing Sao [1]
- Kirsty GILMORE
- Kalisha Fatimah RZZHARA

GROUP O

GROUP P

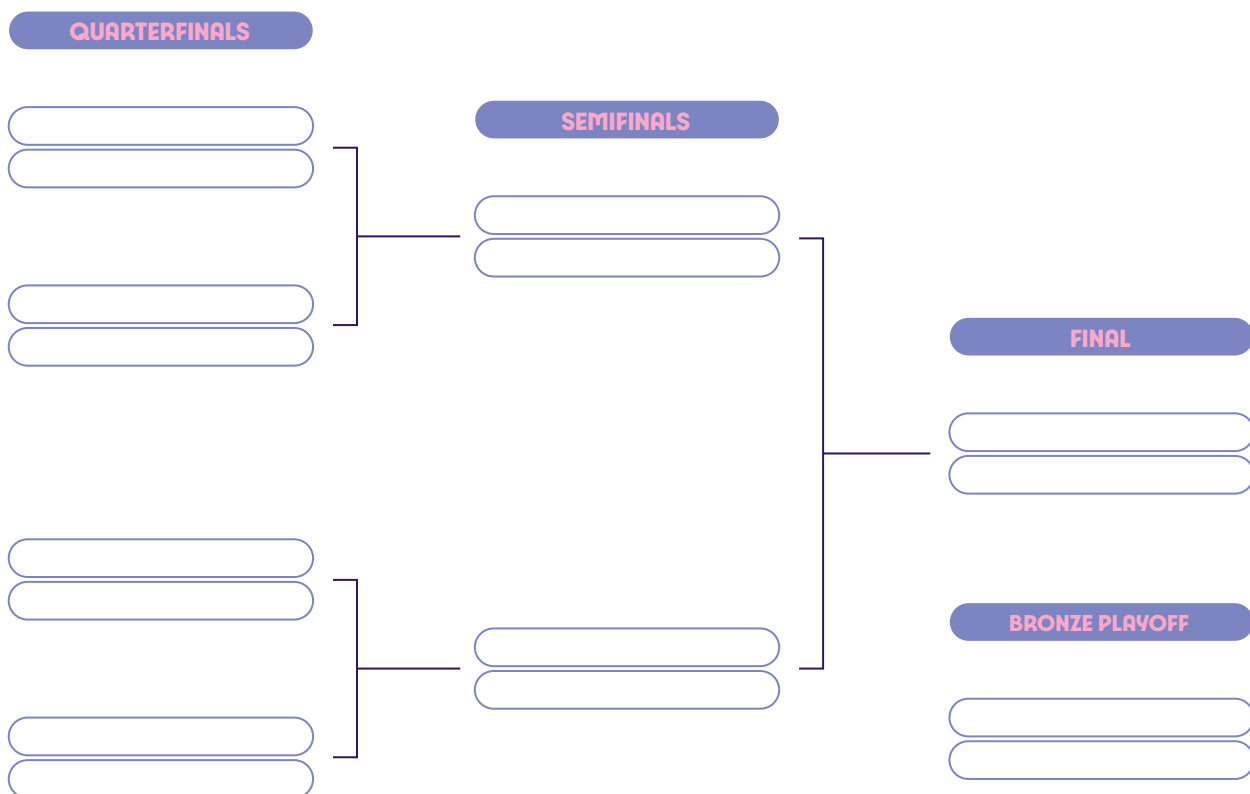
- CHEN Yu Fei [1]
- MILA BALCHFIELD
- Yvonne LI

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GROUP E Anders RANTONSEN [1] Aldo Resky DUICARIVO Collins Valentine FILIPON	GROUP F	GROUP G LEE Zi Jia [1] Pablo RIBIN Viren NETTASINGHE	GROUP H Anthony Sinisuka GINTING [1] Toma Junior POPOU Howard SHU
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GROUP M LON Kean Vear [1] Michel Francisco GRADURA ANTICA Jan LOUDR	GROUP N LI Shi Feng [1] Amofunsoye Tawon OPEYOMI Tobias KUENZI	GROUP O	GROUP P Viktor AXELSEN [1] Nhat NGUYEN Piliha ZILBERMAN Prince DAHIL

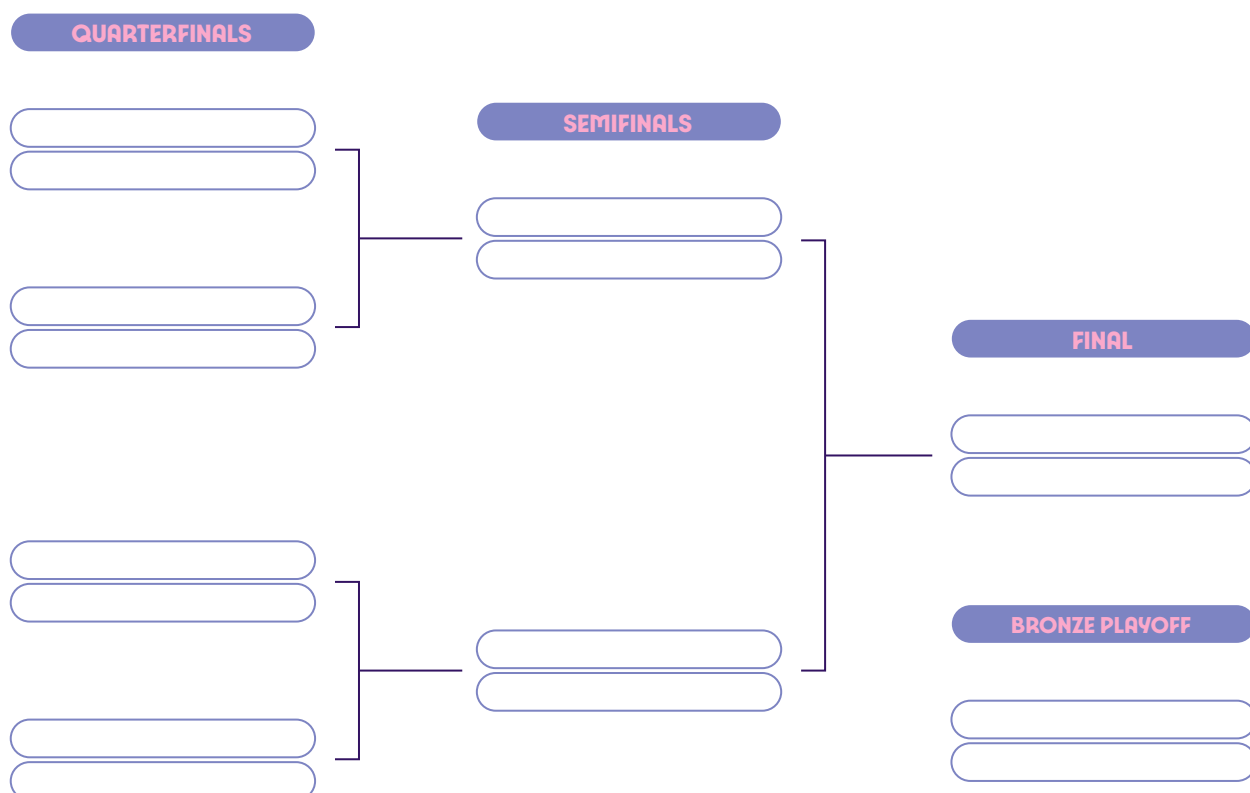
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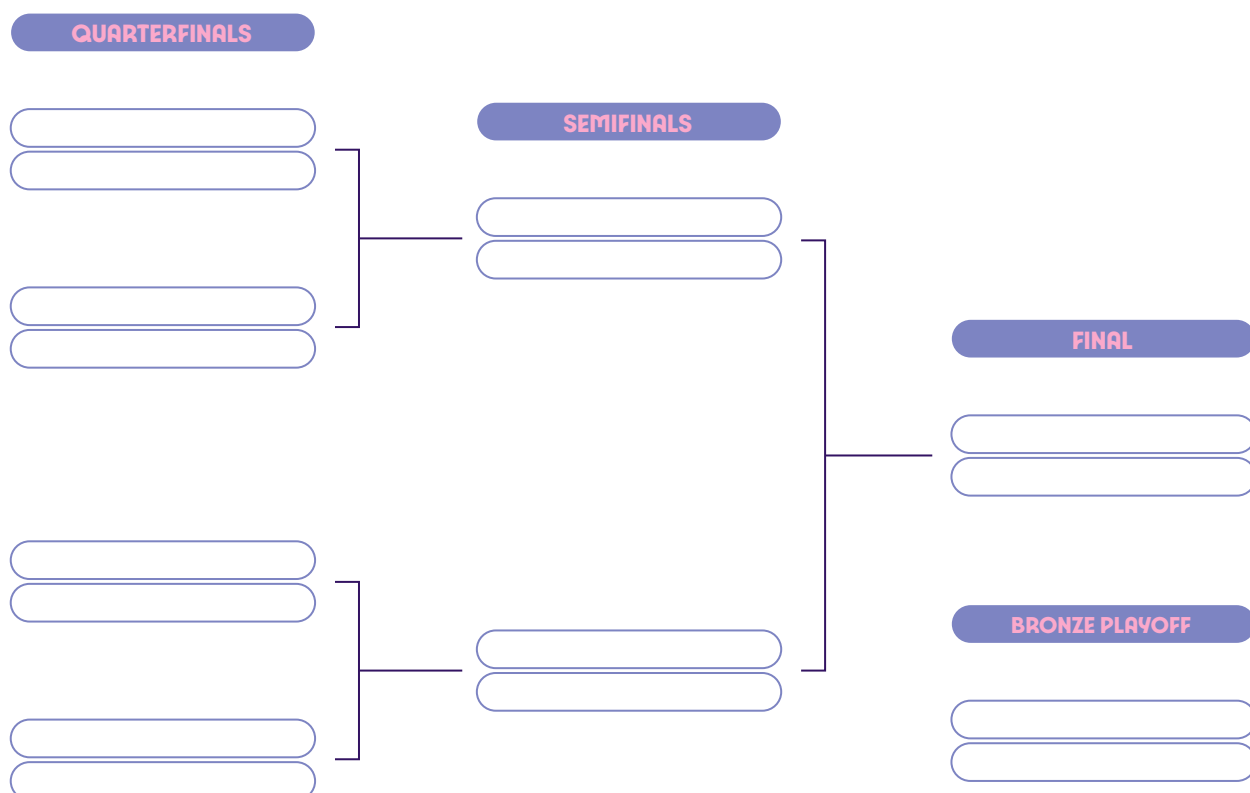
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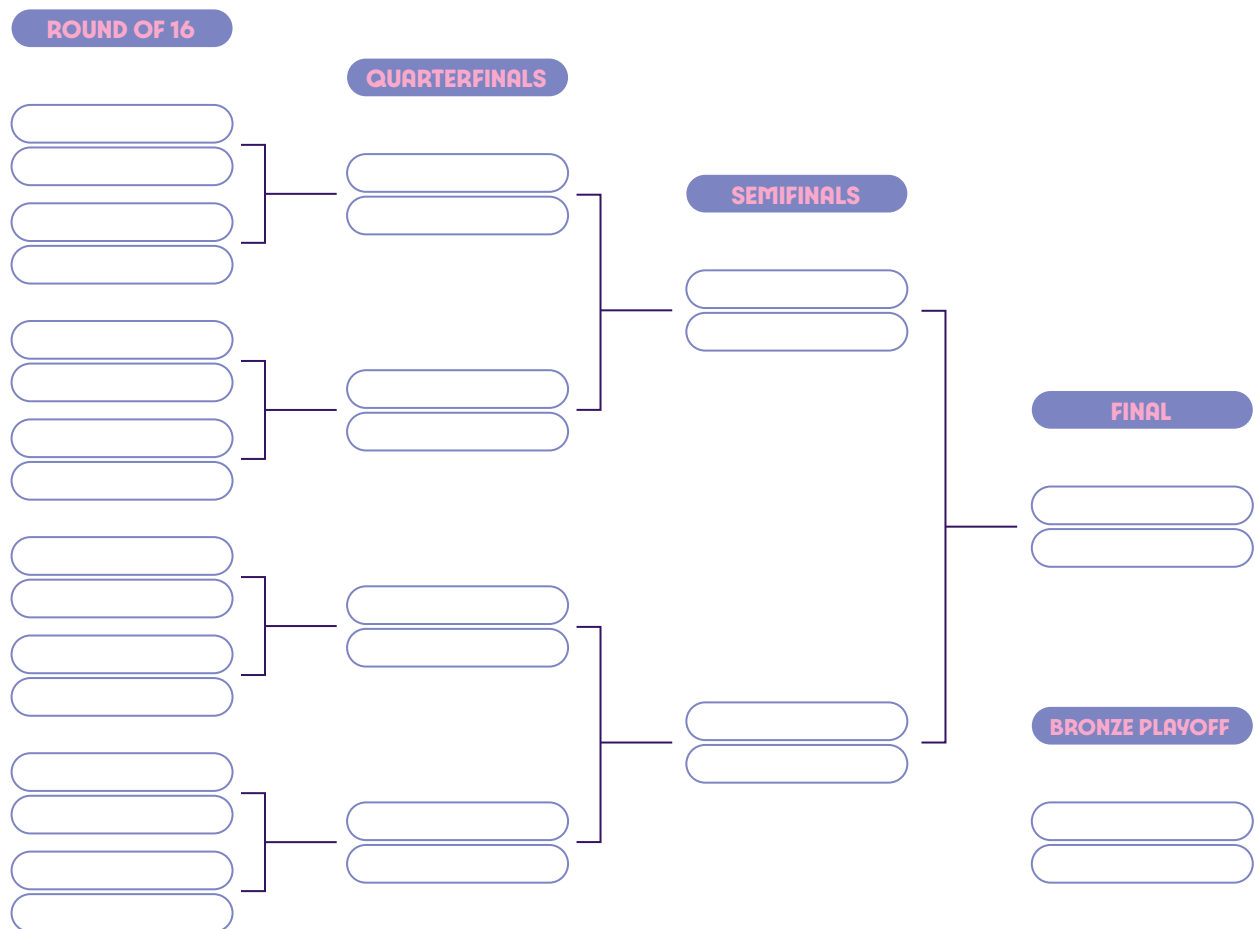
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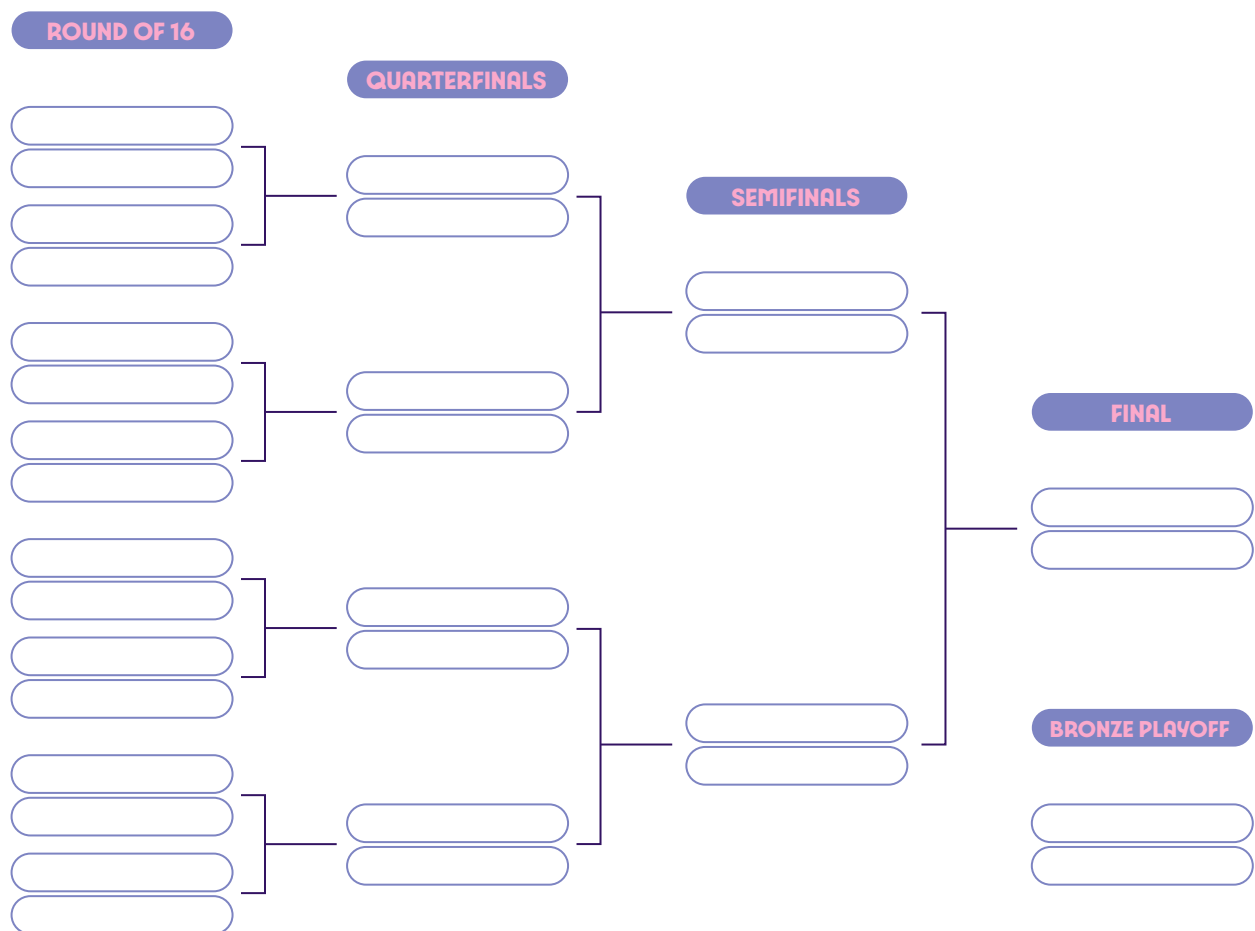
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