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Badminton-Kelantan Open

YONG HOCK KIN PULLS OUT FROM KELANTAN OPEN

KOTA BAHARU, April 2 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's second seeder, Yong Hock Kin who is also the second seed in the 1998 Kelantan Open badminton circuit, has confirmed his withdrawal from the championship.

Honorary secretary of the Kelantan Badminton Association, Nik Arif Nik Mansor said Hock Kin had to withdraw as he was not well.

"He had sent in personally the Medical Certificate which was certified by the National Sports Council's medical officer to the championship's honorary referee, Yap Tee Loy this morning," he said here today.

Hock Kin's withdrawal will give an easy passage to first seeder, Ong Ewe Hock to lift the championship this time. Ewe Hock is expected to meet Wong Ewe Mun in the final on Sunday.

Earlier, one of the first national pair who are placed as first seed, Choong Tan Fook, who had measles, had been replaced by Ng Kim Hock to partner Lee Wan Wah. They will play on Saturday.

Meanwhile, all seeded players for the men's singles -- Ong Ewe Hock, Wong Ewe Mun, Jason Wong, Ramesh Nathan and Wong Choon Han will play in the second round tomorrow morning and their opponents would be decided from the match results tonight.

The championship, which began today, offers a total prize money of RM14,000 to be divided into various categories, namely the men's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, mixed doubles, men's singles (junior) and women's singles (junior).

RESULTS:

MEN'S SINGLES: Aamar Hashim (Pr) bt Zainal Hafiz 15-11 and 15-5, Mahathir Mustafa (BAM) bt Hoo Kim Loon (Pg) w.o, Ng Kam Fook (Pg) bt Khirul Sairi (Pk) 15-2 and 15-12, Chong Chi How (Kn) bt Nor Azrul 15-9 and 15-4 and Abdul Razak Ibrahim (Jh) bt Eko Hamiseno (Pg) w.o.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Song Weng Yee/Cheung Kah Wai (Pk) bt Ng Kam Fook/Zainul Hafiz (Pp) 15-4 and 15-8, Adi Sumirat/Hamijuwari (Sl) bt Liew Nam Min/Quek Kee Koon (Kn) 18-15 and 18-16, Zulkifli Mat/Kamaluddin Haron (Jb) bt Rossiziadi/Khairul Shah (Pk) 15-2 and 15-3, Iskandar Asis/Liew Nam Min (Sl) bt Namrih Suruto/Troy Chandra (PP) w.o.

Chong Chi How/andiruddin Daud (Kn) bt Nor Hasmawi/Iskandar Jaafar (Pk) 15-4 and 15-4, Fadzil Mat Aris/Jeremy Valberg (Sl) bt Lim Aik Siong/Fong Soo Wai (KL) w.o, and Mohd Ridzuan/Nik Azarudi (Kn) bt Ho Kim Leong/Eko Hamiseno (PP) w.o.

MIXED DOUBLES: Mohamad bin Hasim/Rashleen Rahim (Kn) bt Ang Yong Chin/Ooi Chia Ee (Kd) 15-4 and 17-16, Ng Vhoon Kang/Teo Hing Siew (Jh) bt Choon Huan Chun/Goi Bok Chia (kd) 15-2 and 15-3, On YHong Pihn/Goh Yeh Siew (Mk) bt Yong Hoi Kit/Ravinder Kaur (KL) 15-6;3-15 and 17-15.

Song Weng Yee/Lim Poh Ching (Pk) bt Salikhin Mahmood/Ng Soo Mui (Jh) 15-7 and 15-9, Hong Chieng Hun/Lau Hooi Woon (Kd) bt Tan Joo Guan/Wan Soon Lian (Mk) 17-17 and 15-11, Lim Kean Ming/ Woo Pui Kuan (KL) bt Latifah Che Wan/Ahmad Maabus (Kn) w.o and Wong Kean Loon/Hardiana Jalil (Jh) bt Chai Yoon Kean/Lam Yin Ling (Pk) 15-7; 9-15 and 15-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES (JUNIOR): Rashleen Rahim (Kn) bt Hardiana Jalil (Jh) 11-3 and 11-2, Karen Lim (Pk) bt Nik Hatikah (kn) w.o, Ooi Chia Hee (Kd) bt Chan Siew Wai (Kn) 11-5 and 11-3, Wong Mew Bhoo (Sl) bt Teo Hong Yew (Jh) 11-3 and 11-9.

Goh Yueh Siew (Mk) bt Yong Siew Sian (Kn) 11-5 and 11-5, Ng Soo Hui (Jh) bt Ravinder Kaur (KL) 11-7 and 11-6, and Ho Shun Mei (Ph) bt Marilyn Pang (Pg) 11-7;6-11 and 11-8.

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Iskandar Asis/Liew Nam Min (Sl) bt Namrik Suruto/Troy Chandran (PP) w.o, Chong Chi How/andiruddin Daud (Kn) bt Nor Hasmawi/Iskandar Jaafar 15-4 and 15-4, Fadzli Mat Aris/Jeremy Valberg (Sl) bt Lim Aik Seong/Fong Soo Wai (Kd) w.o, and Mohd Ridzuan/Nik Azarudin (Kn) bt Ko Kim Loon/Eko Hamiseno w.o. -- BERNAMA

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