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Singapore Table Tennis Stars Shine Bright at WTT Youth Contender Darwin 2023

Singapore, October 2, 2023 – Singapore's commitment to nurturing young table tennis talents was on full display at the WTT Youth Contender Darwin 2023, where 11 junior players represented the nation. Their outstanding performance culminated in one silver and three bronze medals at the tournament held from September 28th to October 1st.

In the U11 Girls' Singles category, Singapore's TAN Clara (陈盈璇), 11 years old, showcased remarkable skills, dominating the group stage with impressive victories over fellow compatriots XIE Kylie and TAN Megan and Bella CHEN from Australia. Her exceptional performance earned her a spot in the semi-finals, where she faced a tough battle against Anzhuo HAN from Australia, eventually finishing with a well-deserved bronze medal.

U11 Girls' Singles

Group Stage

TAN Clara SGP vs XIE Kylie SGP 3-0

TAN Clara SGP vs TAN Megan SGP 3-0

TAN Clara SGP vs Bella CHEN AUS 3-1

Semi-Finals

TAN Clara SGP vs Anzhuo HAN AUS 2-3

In the U11 Boys' Singles category, TAN Zhi Yue (陈致越) and LIN Yilong (林以龙), both 11 years old, showcased their remarkable skills, consistently delivering exceptional performances from the group stage all the way to the semi-finals. Their impressive display of talent earned them a shared bronze medal.

LOH Yi Xi (劳意喜), another promising 11-year-old Singaporean player, displayed remarkable form throughout the tournament. He exhibited exceptional skills during the

group stage, including a walkover win against Samyukt VINODHKUM from Australia, victories over teammate ANG Ray Teng, and Brian TESLER from Australia. LOH Yi Xi continued his stellar performance in the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and faced a formidable opponent, Lawrence FAN from Australia, in the finals. His incredible journey culminated in a silver medal, symbolizing his outstanding achievements in the U11 Boys' Singles category.

U11 Boys' Singles

Group Stage

TAN Zhi Yue SGP vs LIN Yilong SGP 1-3 TAN Zhi Yue SGP vs Devon YAN AUS 3-0 TAN Zhi Yue SGP vs Frederic LI AUS 3-0

LIN Yilong SGP vs Frederic LI AUS 3-0 LIN Yilong SGP vs Devon YAN AUS 3-0

LOH Yi Xi SGP vs Samyukt VINODHKUM AUS w/0 3-0 LOH Yi Xi SGP vs ANG Ray Teng SGP 3-0 LOH Yi Xi SGP vs Brian TESLER AUS 3-1

Q-Finals

LOH Yi Xi SGP vs NEO Cheng Ming SGP 3-0 TAN Zhi Yue SGP vs Brian TESLER AUS 3-2 LIN Yilong SGP - BYE

Semi-Finals

LOH Yi Xi SGP vs LIN Yilong SGP 3-0 TAN Zhi Yue SGP vs Lawrence FAN AUS 1-3

Finals

LOH Yi Xi SGP vs Lawrence FAN AUS 1-3

The Singapore Table Tennis Association is immensely proud of the dedication, hard work, and determination exhibited by these young athletes. Their success at the WTT Youth Contender Darwin 2023 serves as an inspiration to aspiring table tennis players in Singapore and around the world.

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