

# Hafiz cruises into men's singles final

Former All-England champion beat compatriot Kwong Beng to set up meeting with Indonesia's Wisnu

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**KUCHING:** Malaysian top seed Muhammad Hafiz Hashim has made it to the men's singles final of the Maybank Malaysia International Challenge.

He will take on Indonesian Wisnu Yuli Prasetyo at the Unimas Indoor Stadium here at 2pm today.

Former All-England champion Hafiz beat compatriot Chan Kwong Beng 21-14, 21-18 last night.

Wisnu booked his place after defeating Thailand's Pakkawat Vilailak 21-14, 12-21, 21-17.

In the women's singles, Malaysian second seed Lydia Cheah defeated Singaporean fourth seed Chen Jiayuan to set up a final against Chen's compatriot and seventh seed Liang Xiaoyu. Malaysian third seed Sonia Cheah failed to make it an all-Malaysian affair when she lost to Liang 21-16, 21-15.

The men's double final, however, is guaranteed to be an all-Malaysian encounter.

Fifth seeds Goh V Shem-Teo Ee Yi are through



**Stoic:** Hafiz failing to return a smash from Indonesian Akbar Panji during a previous match of the Maybank Malaysia International Challenge 2012 at Unimas Indoor Stadium in Kota Samarahan.

and they will meet either seventh seeds Tai An Khang-Tan Wee Gien or Low Juan Shen-Tan Yip Jiun.

V Shem-Ee Yi defeated Chong Yee Han-Tan Kian Meng in the semi-finals yesterday while the match between An Khang-Wee Gien and fellow Malaysians Juan Shen-Yip Jiun was still being played at press time. The women's doubles final will pit Malaysian top seeds Chow Mei Kuan-Lee Meng Yean against Indonesians Ririn Amelia-Melvira Oklamona.

Mei Kuan-Meng Yean had an easy passage

when they beat compatriots Shevon Lai Jemie-Marylen Ng Paou Leng 21-5, 21-11 yesterday.

Amelia Anscelly-Soong Fie Choo lost to Ririn-Melvira 21-14, 21-17 last night.

In the mixed doubles, Malaysian eighth seeds Mohd Lutfi Zaim Abdul Khalid-Vivian Hoo failed to make the final when they lost to Indonesian third seeds Lukhi April Nugroho-Annisa Saufika 21-17, 21-17. At press time last night, another Malaysian pair and seventh seeds Ong Jian Guo-Woon Khe Wei were battling Thailand's M. Siriwat-A. Serithammarak.