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Jason Ho-Shue/ Nyl Yakura VS. Mahiro Kaneko/ Yunosuke Kubota

Canada's top men's doubles pairing looks to take down former World Junior Champions in the first round of the 2019 Yonex Canada Open, presented by Sunlife.

The men's doubles category at this year's Yonex Canada Open, presented by Sunlife could be the most exciting discipline to watch as past World and Olympic Champions are in attendance. Canada's top team of Jason Ho-Shue and Nyl Yakura are hoping to have a good result this year as they try and collect points for the 2020 Olympics Games in Tokyo. The Canadian #1 pairing was up against a strong Japanese team of Mahiro Kaneko and Yunosuke Kubota.

The 4-time Pan Am Champions are coming off a very successful Sudirman Cup campaign. The pair had key wins in ties against top countries throughout the tournament. Most notably was their win in the fifth and deciding match against Singapore, giving Canada the 3-2 victory. The world ranked number 41 pairing Jason and Nyl are looking strong heading into this year's Canada Open.

Mahiro Kaneko and Yunosuke Kubota are a young pair, both players just nineteen years of age. The pair won the 2017 BWF World Junior Championships, defeating the top ranked

pairs along the way. They have encountered Jason and Nyl before, beating them at the 2018 Thailand Masters. Yunosuke and Mahiro were looking to make the head-to-head 2-0 in the first round of this year's Yonex Canada Open, presented by Sunlife.

The match started off at a very fast pace, the Japanese were able to get the edge early. They led the Canadians 11-9 at the first mid game interval. Jason and Nyl began to find their game after the interval, upping the pace and keeping constant pressure on the Japanese. The home favourites held their nerve, winning a decisive point at 20-18 to take the opening set. The second game started poorly for the Canadians. Mahiro and Yunosuke started the second game strongly, taking advantage of a lapse in focus and took an 11-4 at the mid-game interval. Jason and Nyl were able to put up a good fight, narrowing the gap to 13-10. Mahiro and Yunosuke kept their focus and took the second game 21-16. The third game started similar to the first, with the Japanese started strong and leading 11-5 at the mid-game interval. Jason and Nyl didn't give in eventually fighting back to 17-19. It was too little too late as the Japanese pair took the match 21-17 in the decider.

Come out and watch all the action live at Winsport in Calgary! The quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals are still to be played. Don't miss your chance to watch world-class badminton!