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## **Rachel Honderich/ Kristen Tsai VS. Cheng Chi Ya/ Lee Chieh Chen**

Canada's top women's doubles pairing Rachel Honderich and Kristen Tsai took on Cheng Chi Ya and Yang Chieh Chen from Chinese Taipei. Rachel and Kristen are looking to make their first quarter final here as a pair at the 2019 Yonex Canada Open, presented by Sunlife. The home favourites are already having a fantastic year. They went undefeated in their 2019 Sudirman Cup campaign, winning important matches against Singapore, Israel and Germany. Rachel and Kristen's consistency allowed Team Canada to capture gold in group B. Before the Sudirman cup, the pair also took home gold at the 2019 Brazil International Challenge, where they beat the top teams from the Netherlands and France to claim the title.

Cheng Chi Ya and Yang Chih Chen are a new partnership, having just formed this year. Although the pair have not had a great 2019, they have previously beaten the Canadian pair at the 2019 Barcelona Spain Masters. The pair from Chinese Taipei also made the semi-finals at the 2019 Orleans Masters earlier this year, where they beat strong European teams, eventually falling to England's top pair, Birch and Smith.

Rachel and Kristen got off to a fantastic start, using the energy from the crowd to take an

11-4 lead at the mid-game interval. They continued their surge, not allowing the pair from Chinese Taipei to get into the match. Rachel and Kristen took the opening game 21-11. The second game started no differently than the first. The Canadians kept their focus and took a commanding 11-4 lead at the interval. Cheng and Chih began to fight back, narrowing the lead to just 4 points. The fight back was not enough from Cheng and Chih as Rachel and Kristen brought their game to a higher level. The Canadians took the match 21-9 in the second game.

