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## **Michelle Li VS. An Se Young**

This was the perhaps the most anticipated quarterfinal match. The home favourite and number one seed, Michelle Li, took on the young Korean phenom, An Se Young. Though being only 17 years of age, An has already made a name for herself on the international stage by beating some of the world's best players. Most notably was her win against Tai Tzu Ying, the world number one at the 2019 Sudirman Cup. This win against Tai lifted Korea to a 3-2 win over Chinese Taipei.

Michelle is a very accomplished player, leading the 2019 Sudirman Cup to gold in group B. She is a Commonwealth Games gold medalist and currently ranked 14th in the world. Michelle had surgery after the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, forcing her to take time off competition. The Canadian has begun to regain her pre surgery form and looked to use her experience to fend off the Korean.

The opening game started off neck and neck, with both players trading points. Michelle was able to take the lead 11-10 at the mid-game interval. The Korean upped her game after the break, surging ahead of Michelle to take a 15-11 lead. Michelle began her fightback too late as An took the first game 21-15. The second game started similarly to how the first game ended. The Korean stayed consistent while Michelle made some easy errors, giving An an 11-7 lead at the interval. Michelle game back strongly after the interval, using the high-

energy crowd to take a 13-12 lead. Michelle was able to keep composed and take the second game 21-19 in exciting fashion. The third game was all An. She stamped her authority early by tacking an 11-2 lead at the mid-game interval. She continued her surge and gave the crowd no chance to lift Michelle to a win. The young Korean took the deciding game 21-3.