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## **Kashyap Parupalli VS. Wang Tzu Wei**

Semi-finals day here at the 2019 Yonex Canada Open Super 100, presented by Sunlife surely will not disappoint. One match which is guaranteed to be an exciting affair is the clash between Kashyap Parupalli of India and Wang Tzu Wei of Chinese Taipei.

Kashyap is a veteran on the world tour, having played since 2006. Kashyap won the commonwealth game in 2014 and is the only Indian men's singles player to have made it as far as the quarterfinals at the Olympic Games. He achieved this in the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Kashyap has had many remarkable wins in his career, including wins over Chen Long, Jan O Jorgensen and Chou Tien-Chen.

Wang Tzu-Wei's career highlights include winning the 2017 Summer Universiade Games when they were held on his home soil in Taipei. Wang was also a runner-up in the 2017 New Zealand open, 2017 Chinese Taipei open and the 2017 German open BWF Grand Prix Gold events. Wang is currently ranked number 28 in the world and is looking to catch up to his team mate Chou Tien-Chen to qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Wang Tzu Wei started well, taking an early 9-4 lead. Kashyap began to find his game and catch up to make it 11-10 for Wang at the mid-game interval. Wang came out of the interval the stronger player, winning 10 of the next 14 points to take the opening game 21-14. The

second game started off the opposite of the first, with the Indian this time taking an early lead and eventually lead 11-8 at the mid-game interval. After the interval, they went point for point which was enough for Kashyap to take the second game 21-17. The third game was a repeat of the first, however this time the difference at the interval was much greater, with Wang leading 11-5. Kashyap upped the pace and clawed back to 13-13. The Indian only played better from there, playing some of his best badminton to take the lead 18-15. Both players produced some great play, with Kashyap eventually taking the deciding game 21-18.