

## Sathiyam Gnanasekaran comes out on top at 2017 *Spanish Open*

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*Paddler Sathiyam G created history at Almeria, Spain by becoming the first Indian to win 2 Pro Tour Titles after winning the men's singles title at the 2017 ITTF Challenge Spanish Open Table Tennis Championships which concluded on Sunday. Just over one year since he won his first ITTF World Tour title in Belgium, the 9th seed beat Japan's Kazuhiro Yoshimura 11-7, 3-11, 11-6, 6-11, 13-11, 11-7 who was arguably the more powerful player but it was the control exerted by the Chennai lad that won the day in a six-game thriller. The terrific year and season comes to an end with this victory for the 24-year-old as he prepares for the upcoming season.*

*Sathiyam G. is one of the 20 athletes under Rahul David Athlete Mentorships Programme supported by GoSports Foundation to which we are Partners. It gives us immense pleasure to also mention that it has been a breakthrough year for Sathiyam, who will be a good bet for a medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games if he continues his form. We at ASM Technologies are proud of his achievements and wish him all the best for the upcoming season.*



**Sathiyam Gnanasekaran and his doubles partner Sharath Kamal win bronze at ITTF  
Challenge Belgium Open**  
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*GoSports Foundation paddler Sathiyam G. and his partner Sharath Kamal put up a tough fight in the semi-finals of the ITTF Challenge Belgium Open to win a bronze medal. The Indian duo won 2 games 11-7, 11-5 consecutively after losing their first game 7-11 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded German pair of Patrick Franziska and Ricardo Walther. But the momentum shifted to the Germans as the Indian pair lost the next 2 games on the trot for a final score of 7-11, 11-7, 11-5, 5-11, 5-11.*

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