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14. Kidambi Srikanth

Date of Birth: 7th February 1993

Sport: Badminton

Hometown: Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

Training base: Gopichand Academy, Hyderabad

Inspired by his older brother, Srikanth started playing badminton and currently trains at the Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy. GoSports Foundation started supporting him in 2012 when he was still 18 and ranked 338 in the world. Today aged just 23 years, Srikanth has already amassed a host of accolades at the international level.

Egged on by his Commonwealth Games experience, Srikanth soon started producing the kind of performances that once saw him touted as one of India's finest young badminton prospects. In November 2014, Srikanth created history when he beat five-time World Champion and two-time Olympic Champion Lin Dan of China in the final of the China Open Superseries Premier. Since then he has maintained his good run of form. In 2015, he won two major international titles, the Swiss Open GP Gold and the India Open Superseries & moved to a career high ranking of world no. 3.

He was the only Indian male singles player to qualify for the Rio Olympics, 2016 and made it to the quarterfinals, falling to his nemesis Lin Dan. Post Rio, Srikanth reached his first Superseries final in over fifteen months at the Singapore Open in April 2017. He then carried on the momentum by becoming the first ever Indian to lift the Indonesian Open Superseries Premier title and a week after that sealed the Australian Open Superseries with an incredible victory over former World No 1 Chen Long, thus becoming the first ever Indian man to hold three Superseries titles.

Achievements

- Gold medal (Team event) and silver medal (Men's Singles) at the 2018 Commonwealth Games
- Winner – Denmark Open, French Open, Australian Open & Indonesian Open Superseries Premier, 2017
- Runner-up - Singapore Open Superseries, 2017
- Quarterfinalist - Rio Olympics, 2016
- Winner and Runner up - Syed Modi International Grand Prix Gold 2016 and 2015, resp.

