

## ON COURT: SAME QUESTIONS, DIFFERENT ANSWERS – A CHAT WITH EVA LEE AND VINCENT NGUY

### Eva Lee

*Chinese Name:* Lee Yee-Hung

*Racket:* Yonex Muscle Power 100

### *Junior National Rankings:*

Triple Crown Winner in U-19 (2004)

### *Adult National Rankings:*

1<sup>st</sup> in singles, 2<sup>nd</sup> in doubles with May Mangkalakiri

### *World Rankings:*

103 in singles, 78 in doubles with May Mangkalakiri

*Years playing badminton:* Seven



### *What is your best result in a tournament?*

Third in doubles at Adult Nationals or quarters in doubles at Pan Am Games.

### *What are your badminton goals?*

Olympics in 2008...hopefully a medal, and a medal at World Championships in 2005

### *What are some of your career goals in life?*

Doctor. A specialist or a surgeon

### *What are some of your off-court interests?*

Watching anime, chatting, listening to music, and surfing the net

### *What is your best on-court experience? Why?*

Playing at the Sudirman Cup because I enjoyed being part of the team and representing the US. It's a form of bonding, and it's fun to be with your friends and be able to play as a team together.

### *Tell us about the Junior Pan American Games.*

#### *What sort of expectations did you have?*

This was my second and last Jr. Pan Ams. I enjoyed playing at the tournament, although I was only there for 3 days. It was fun living in the rooms...it was like living in a box. I had a blast hanging out with my friends.

Last time I placed first in all of the events except singles. This time I won all of my matches, and the team won first place.

#### *Would you recommend going to team tournaments for any juniors out there who qualify?*

I would definitely recommend going on team tournaments for any juniors that qualify. It is great experience and promotes teamwork.

#### *Any advice for junior players out there?*

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There are no shortcuts, and don't be discouraged. If you work hard enough, you'll get where you want to be.

### *Anything else you'd like to say, or a quote you'd like to leave?*

"I am a great believer in luck...and I find that the harder I work, the more I have." -Thomas Jefferson

### Vincent Nguy

*Racket:* Yonex Muscle Power 100

### *Junior National Rankings*

2<sup>nd</sup> U-19 boys singles, 1<sup>st</sup> U-22 boys doubles

*Years playing badminton:* Twelve

### *What is your best result in a tournament?*

First in singles and second in doubles at Junior Nationals

### *What are your badminton goals?*

I want to help further the success of USA Badminton and to make badminton known on the East Coast.

### *What are some of your career goals in life?*

For now, my career goals are to become an auto-mechanic or a nurse

### *What are some of your off-court interests?*

People, other sports, and cars. Basically, what a typical teenager does...I'm not any different than other people.

### *What is your best on-court experience? Why?*

As of now, I would say the Kemit Open that took place in the Netherlands. This tournament was the best experience because it was an international event, and playing with players from other countries is a great way to gain experience. Win or lose the tournament, you gained something and lost nothing.

### *Tell us about the Junior Pan American Games.*

#### *What sort of expectations did you have?*

This was my first Jr. PanAms, and it was a great experience. I played very tough matches and I learned from that. Anytime I travel out of the country, I always come back remembering something I need to improve or work on. I enjoyed the team cheering, getting to know others from different countries, and of course, playing with my fellow teammates that I don't live near. The rooms were very small with two bunk beds and barely enough room to move...almost like a prison.

We won the team tournament against Canada for the finals. However, at the beginning of the individual events, I got injured in my second match (singles). The best part of the event was definitely winning the gold and bringing it back to the USA!!!

Would you recommend going to team tournaments for any juniors out there who qualify?

I would definitely recommend to those who make it to go to the team tournaments because you'll gain a great amount of experience and you'll have some fun at the same time.

Any advice for junior players out there?



Newsletter

# CrossCourt

If you put effort into badminton on and off court, you'll do well. Have fun no matter what, and don't get frustrated. I see badminton as 40% physical and 60% mental.

*Anything else you'd like to say, or a quote you'd like to leave?*

"No matter how hard life gets, always keep a smile on your face." -Vincent Nguy

## BADMINTON TRIVIA & TIPS

Did you know that the first badminton courts invented were in the shape of an hourglass?

**Singles Strategy:** Get to the shuttle quickly and catch it as high as possible, especially at the net. The higher you catch the shuttle, the less time your opponent has to return it. Come to the net in a lunge position with your right foot forward (for right-handed players) whether you are going for a backhand or forehand shot. Lunging on the right foot will allow your arm to reach farther than lunging with your left foot. Lunging properly will enable you to return to your base position quickly and efficiently.

## EVENTS & TOURNAMENTS

**December:**

- 11-12 Mid Atlantic Juniors
- 18-19 2004 USBDF Winter Jr. Open

**January:**

- 11-15 Jerry Toms US Senior International Badminton Championships
- 14-16 USA Badminton Region 2 Classic
- Indiana Badminton Open
- 15 Champion in Christ Badminton Tournament
- 28-30 CT Open Badminton Tournament

**February:**

- 4-6 2005 National Training Fund Trial
- 11-13 SCBA International (Region 5 Classic)
- 25-27 2005 USAB Team USA Trial

## WALK OF FAME

The upcoming 2005 USA Badminton "Walk of Fame Plaza" Induction ceremony will be in conjunction with the 2005 World Championships. A luncheon/buffet is scheduled for August 20, 2005 at 10:00 am. The luncheon and ceremony are by invitation only. The guest list includes patrons who have made a contribution to Gold, Silver, Bronze, Champion plans, former USAB "Hall of Fame" Inductees, and special guests. The

2005 "Walk of Fame Plaza" Inductees will be announced in early spring. The program will include an official induction ceremony for 4 former USAB "Hall of Fame" Inductees: Pam Stockton Brady, Dorothy O'Neil, Don Paup, and Bruce Pontow. Banquet directors are Mary Ann Bowles and Judianne Kelly. Donations are now being accepted.

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Colorado Springs, CO 80909

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## ON COURT: INT'L COMPETITION

The Carebaco T&T International Badminton Championship was held November 3-6, 2004, Chaguanas, Trinidad. Team USA members included: Raju Rai, Marc Lai, Jennifer Coleman, Eva Lee, Melinda Keszthelyi, Shannon Pohl, Rulan Yeh, Rulien Yeh, Bob Malaythong, and May Mangkalakiri.

### Results

MS: Rai (Finalist)

Lai (Semi Finals)

WS: Lee (Finalist)

MD: Malaythong & Rai (Winner)

WD: Mangkalakiri & Lee (Semi Finals)

Coleman & Keszthelyi (Semi Finals)

XD: Malaythong & Mangkalakiri (Semi Finals)

Lai & Keszthelyi (Semi Finals)

## 2005 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS INFO

### Tickets

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