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Para-badminton Demonstration at YONEX Dutch Open 2015

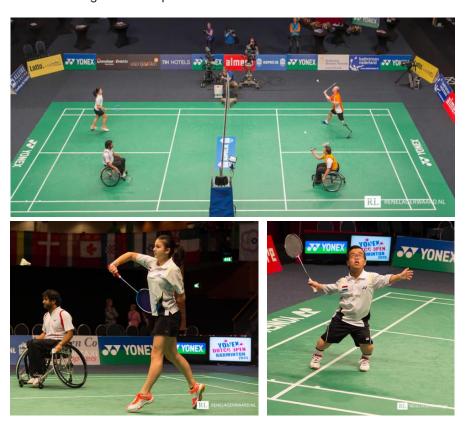
Players of the national para-badminton squad were invited for a demonstration on the center court of the YONEX Dutch Open 2015 in Almere in the Topsporthall on Sunday, October 11th. This demonstration took place just before for the start of the finals of the YONEX Dutch Open 2015.

The players were from different sport classes. Jordy Brouwer von Gonzenbach, Tim Quartel (WH2), Eddy Boerman (SL3), Megan Hollander (SU5) and Joey Lie (SS6) entertained the audience with a warming up session, stroke exchanges and some games.

For most of the audience, this demonstration was the first introduction of para-badminton. The audience showed their great appreciation for the players. It was also a good experience for the players to play in front of a large audience. The explanation of para-badminton during the demonstration was given by Annie van Daal, para-badminton coach of Badminton Netherlands.

After the demonstration, many interested people came to express their appreciation and had the opportunity to ask questions about the para-badminton. It was a great success for the para-badminton players and the spectators at the YONEX Dutch Open 2015.

Megan Hollander then received the silver medal for special competition results from Paul Kleijn, board member of Badminton Netherlands. This recognition is based on Megan's outstanding achievement at the 2015 BWF Para-Badminton World Championships in September in Stoke Mandeville, where she bagged a bronze medal in Women's Singles in her sport class of SU5.



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