

Singapore Badminton Open 2026 Day 3: Loh Kean Yew Takes Centre Court Against Prannoy

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The Singapore Indoor Stadium crackles with anticipation on Day 3 of the **KFF Singapore Badminton Open 2026** as home favourite **Loh Kean Yew** enters the fray against Indiaâ??s seasoned campaigner **HS Prannoy** in what promises to be one of the most compelling second-round matches of the BWF World Tour Super 750 event.



The KFF Singapore Badminton Open 2026 at Singapore Indoor Stadium | Source: The Kallang

Singaporeâ??s Golden Hope Steps Up

Loh Kean Yew, the 2021 BWF World Champion and Singaporeâ??s brightest shuttler, carries the hopes of a partisan home crowd as he opens his campaign at the KFF Singapore Badminton Open 2026. Having navigated a first-round bye, the 27-year-old takes to the court refreshed â?? but facing a formidable opponent who has already shown the form to topple top seeds this week.

Prannoy arrived at the Singapore Indoor Stadium in inspired form, dismantling Indonesiaâ??s world No. 3 Jonatan Christie on Day 2 in a performance that underlined just how dangerous the Indian veteran

remains on the Super 750 circuit. He moves with deceptive speed for his age and relies on relentless pressure and a sharp cross-court backhand to unsettle opponents.

For Loh, this is precisely the kind of challenge that defines a championâ??s week. Home advantage cuts both ways â?? the roar of 12,000 Singaporeans can lift a player to heights they had not imagined, but the weight of expectation on home soil is just as real. The world No. 8 will need to bring his most disciplined game, controlling the pace from the back court and being selective in when he attacks.

Prannoy: The Upset Specialist

HS Prannoy has long been one of those players who thrives at the gameâ??s highest pressure points. The 33-year-old from Kerala has beaten multiple world No. 1s over the course of his career and was a semifinalist at the 2022 BWF World Championships. His comeback from serious health setbacks in the late 2010s makes him one of badmintonâ??s great stories of resilience.



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Prannoyâ??s Day 2 victory over Jonatan Christie was not merely an upset â?? it was a statement. Christie had entered the tournament on a run of form that made him a genuine title contender, and Prannoy dismantled him methodically, winning in straight games. Singapore fans hoping for a home victory should expect nothing less than Prannoyâ??s full arsenal in todayâ??s clash.

What to Watch For

The tactical battle in this match is rich. Loh Kean Yewâ??s strongest weapon is his explosive smash from the rear court, combined with deceptive net play that wrong-foots opponents who play too deep. Prannoy, however, is one of the best in the world at reading and retrieving those very smashes â?? his reflexes at the net and his ability to turn defence into offence in a single touch are exceptional.

The key question is whether Loh can vary his tempo effectively. In past encounters between these two, matches have been physically demanding affairs that go down to the wire. Loh has historically

performed well in front of home crowds, channelling the energy rather than being overwhelmed by it â?? a skill that has come with experience on the international circuit.

Momentum will be crucial early. If Loh can take the first game and stamp his authority on the shuttle speed and court position, Prannoy will need to dig deep to recalibrate â?? something he is perfectly capable of, but which places the psychological advantage firmly with the Singapore man.

Spectator Information for Day 3



Important things to note for visitors | Source: The Kallang

If you are heading down to the **Singapore Indoor Stadium** for Day 3, here are a few things to keep in mind. Doors open well before the first match of the day, and it is advisable to arrive early to secure your seats and grab merchandise. The Kallang Wave Mall is conveniently connected to the stadium for pre-match dining and refreshments.

Public transport remains the most convenient option â?? Kallang MRT station on the East-West Line is a short walk away, or bus services 13, 16, and 31 stop nearby. Spectators are reminded to observe the bag size restrictions at the entrance and to note that certain items including food and beverages from outside are not permitted inside the stadium.

Tickets for individual sessions are still available via the official tournament channels. If you have not yet secured yours, check the guide to purchasing tickets for the Singapore Badminton Open 2026 for a step-by-step walkthrough of the booking process.

The Bigger Picture

Beyond the individual showdown, Day 3 of the KFF Singapore Badminton Open 2026 features a packed schedule across all five disciplines â?? menâ??s singles, womenâ??s singles, menâ??s doubles, womenâ??s doubles, and mixed doubles â?? with multiple Singaporean pairs in contention in the doubles events as well. The atmosphere inside the 12,000-seat arena on a competitive session day is among the finest that Asian badminton has to offer.

As a BWF World Tour Super 750 event, the Singapore Badminton Open sits among the most prestigious tournaments on the global calendar, one step below the Super 1000 tier. The ranking points and prize money on offer attract the worldâ??s elite, and this yearâ??s field is no exception â?? the draw has produced marquee clashes at every stage, and Day 3 looks set to deliver more of the same.

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Whether Loh Kean Yew can march deep into the draw and give Singapore its most memorable week in badminton since his World Championship triumph remains to be seen â?? but Day 3â??s bout against Prannoy is the first major test, and it could not come at a better moment for local fans hungry for home glory at the Kallang arena.

Match times for Day 3 of the KFF Singapore Badminton Open 2026 are subject to change. Check the Little Big Red Dot Sports section for ongoing live updates throughout the day.

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