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## Top-seed Lin advances on men's side

### Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. -- The men's doubles team of Tony Gunawan and Howard Bach became the first Americans ever to reach the quarterfinals of the World Badminton Championship on Thursday night.

But Gunawan and Bach, seeded No. 13, had to rally in their second game to earn a 15-10, 15-11 victory over No. 8 Chew Choon Eng and Choong Tan Fook from Malaysia.

"It's actually a dream come true," Bach said. "This is the second-biggest tournament after the Olympics. In order for badminton to take off, we need Americans to win. Somebody has to carry the flag. Why not Tony and I?"

Gunawan, who won the 2000 Olympic gold medal in men's doubles for Indonesia, and Bach will face the three-time defending European champions, top-seeded Jens Eriksen and Martin Lundgaard Hansen of Denmark.

"Everyday before I get on the court, I choose a word," Bach said. "[Thursday] it's *energy*. My game is energy, speed and power. If I can get Tony going, he'll execute the shots."

Advancing to the semifinals in women's doubles were top-seeded Yang Wei and Zhang Jiewen from China and fourth-seeded Lee Kyung Won and Lee Hyo Jung from South Korea.

China's Lin Dan and Zhang Ning, the top singles seeds, rallied in their respective matches to reach the quarterfinals.

Lin, the top men's singles player, recovered from a 5-2 deficit in his first game and a loss in his second for a 15-8, 9-15, 15-5 victory over Japan's Shoji Sato.

Zhang, the 2004 Olympic gold medalist and defending world champion in women's singles, came from behind to beat Hong Kong's Yip Pui Yin 4-11, 11-3, 11-4.

In other women's singles matches, second-seeded Xie Xingfang earned an 11-4, 11-13, 11-8 victory over Mia Audina Tjiptawan of the Netherlands, the No. 13 seed and the 2004 Olympic silver medalist.

Second-seeded Candra Wijaya and Sigit Budiarto from Indonesia moved forward in their attempt to win their first men's doubles world championship since 1997.



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Wijaya and Budiharto reached the quarterfinals by beating No. 12 Mohammed Fairuzizuan and Lim Woon Fui of Malaysia, 15-7, 15-10.

The eighth-seeded mixed doubles team of Robert Blair and Natalie Munt of England had to withdraw after Blair aggravated a stress fracture in his right shin.

Blair and Munt would have played 14th-seeded Frederik Bergstrom and Johanna Persson from Sweden, who advance to the quarterfinals by walkover.



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