

# Clementi shuttlers continue record-breaking run

Can anybody stop Clementi Secondary School's mighty girls' badminton machine?

The students continued their record-breaking run at the inter-school competition organised by the Hong Kong Schools Sports Association.

Clementi's Grade A, B and C teams have won the tournament since 1955.

It was the same story this year, as the girls sealed their 44th successive overall championship with a 42-33 victory over True Light Middle School.

Clementi team member Fung Man-lan said: "I love the feeling when I win a match. I feel that we are a team working together, and all we think about is winning."

The Clementi boys were not far behind, emerging third overall in the championship finals.

The boys, who were runners-up in Grade B, displayed the potential to become future champions.

Squad member Lam Chun-leung said: "We will keep on trying our best and look forward to meeting our opponents again."

Clementi's badminton coach Chan Kai-yim deserves much of the credit for maintaining the

school's position as a dominant power in the sporting arena.

A past pupil of Clementi, Mr Chan has been a dedicated coach who encourages his players all the time and provides the inspiration for them to achieve greater heights.

Clementi principal Tang Chan Wai-ling, who was the

guest-of-honour at the prize presentation ceremony, congratulated the winners and emphasised the importance of a balanced education.

She said sports played a crucial role in achieving this objective.

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**Mighty machine ... officials with Clementi Secondary School's boys and girls teams who took part in the badminton tournament.**



Organised by the Hong Kong Coaching Committee and sponsored by the Hongkong Bank Foundation, the 1998 awards ceremony recognised the contribution of 39 coaches in five categories. Windsurfing coach Rene Appel, who has trained Olympic and Asian Games champion Lee Lai-shan for 10 years, won the Coach of the Year Award (senior athletes, individual sport) for the sixth time.

Track and field coach Poon Kin-lui claimed the Coach of the Year Award (senior athletes, team sport) for the third year running.

But it was new faces Kwok Ho (windsurfing) and Zheng Zhao-kang (fencing) who attracted most attention with their athletes poised to carry Hong Kong's hopes into the next millennium. Kwok and Zheng shared the Coach of the Year Award (junior athletes, individual sport) following the success of their athletes at the World Championships.

Ma Yue-biu won the Coach Education Award following his nine-year involvement in wushu. The Distinguished Services Award for Coaching went to Yeung Ching, lawn bowls coach of the Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Disabled for 20 years.

Coaching Excellence Awards were also presented to 29 trainers at the ceremony.