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ATHLETE MENTORSHIPS

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15. Sameer Verma

Date of Birth: 22nd October 1994

Sport: Badminton

Hometown: Dhar, Madhya Pradesh

Training Base: Gopichand Academy, Hyderabad

Following in the footsteps of older brother Sourabh Verma, Sameer also took to badminton at a young age. The shy boy from Dhar, Madhya Pradesh moved to Hyderabad to train under former All England Champion Pullela Gopichand, and now the Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy is a home away from home for Sameer.



Despite battling injuries in 2014, Sameer managed to win the All India Senior Ranking held in Bareilly. In 2015, not only did he defend his All India Senior Ranking title in Bareilly but also finished runner-up at the 2015 Senior Nationals held in Vijayawada. Sameer is slowly but surely starting to fulfil his potential which once caught the eye of his Coach Pullela Gopichand. In 2016, he made it to his first ever Superseries final in Hong Kong and moved into the top 30 world rankings.

Sameer has steadily been making a mark on the international stage, when he became one of the six Indian male shuttlers to be ranked within the world top 50 late in 2016. In January 2017, he triumphed over fellow GoSports athlete Sai Praneeth at the Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold. He took a few months off competition to put a recurring shoulder niggle behind him and came back from his break to progress to the quarterfinals at the US Open Grand Prix Gold in July 2017, where he eventually fell to compatriot Parupalli Kashyap. He was also a member of the largest ever Indian contingent at the World Championships in August and is training hard to improve his ranking and get into contention for the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.

Achievements

- Winner – Syed Modi International Grand Prix Gold 2017
- Runner-up – Hong Kong Open Superseries, 2016
- Senior National Badminton Champion, 2016
- Winner - Victor Rayan Sports Bahrain International Series and Bahrain International Challenge, 2015
- Winner - Tata Open India International Challenge, 2015