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Badminton

So talented and only 14

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AT just 14 Jonathan So is taking on badminton players up to twice his age -- and winning.

The Wahroonga teenager is a member of Castle Hill RSL Badminton Club's B Grade men's interclub and the youngest player in the adult men's league tournament in Sydney.

Last year he won the University of NSW autumn open men's doubles and singles championships in D grade and the Easter open men's singles competition in C grade.

He followed that up in June with a win in the NSW open men's doubles championships in C grade at Sydney Olympic Park.



Badminton player Jonathan So from Wahroonga is among our Junior Sports Star nominees.

Jonathan was also selected to represent NSW at the national under-17 Bevan Australasian championships in Perth this year and was awarded a ranking of fourth in the national under-17 doubles rankings.

In recognition of his achievement he was presented with a Commonwealth Sports Achievement Award by Federal Sports Minister Rod Kemp this month.

Jonathan's ultimate goal is to represent Australia in badminton.

"I would like to go to the Olympics if I can," he said.

Jonathan said he was "surprised" at being nominated for the Junior Sports Star Award.

"If I won it would show that I am getting further in badminton," he said.

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