

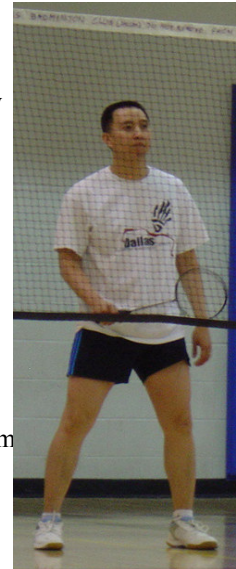


The Player

The sport of badminton demands speed, agility and extreme fitness except for Imam who is blessed with innate talent. Most people leave a match against Imam with a puzzled expression that reads "How did he do that"? Imam has been one of the best players in the Southwest region for at least a decade now. He has won every tournament (Houston Open, Austin Open, Southern Open and runners up in Dallas Open) possible in the region across all events (Singles, Doubles and Mixed) and that too many times over. Recently, Imam retired from active participation in tournaments. He left with a bang by winning the Open Men's Doubles in the 2007 Houston Open sponsored by HEAD. The competition he brings to every tournament will be sorely missed.

His Game

Imam's ingenuity is the right mix of complex skills but delivered in a simple and efficient manner. He seems to glide to the right place at the right time on a badminton court without much fuss and displays a bamboozling variety of strokes from every corner of the badminton court. His control on strokes and pinpoint precision is jaw dropping at times. If all of the above isn't enough, his mastery on deception by an identical approach to every badminton stroke is the "kiss of death". An acute understanding of badminton strategies along with his various skills allows him to adapt to various opponents with relative ease.



Youthful Exploits

Imam developed his "mad skillz" in Indonesia under the tutelage of **Sugeng Subagio** (a potential singles player himself for the 1979 Thomas Cup). Indonesia is a country that has produced some of the most legendary badminton players and continues to do so. Imam's unforgettable moment was in the **1987 World Junior Tournament**. He made it to the 2nd round of men's singles by defeating **Ricky Subagja** in straight sets. Legend has it that that his dad won some money by betting on his son though the odds were 10 to 1 against Imam.

Imam was ranked as high as

- #16 singles player in US (1998).
- Top 8 in junior singles, Jakarta province (1987).

Tournament Results

Year	Tournament	Event		
		Singles	Doubles	Partner/Comments
2002	US Open Men's Doubles	NA	1st rounder	Andre Cahyadi
2001	2001 Miami Classic	NA	Semifinals	Andre Cahyadi
2000	Indianapolis Classic	NA	Quarterfinals	Sandro Rossi
1999	Philadelphia Classic	NA	Semifinals	Sandro Rossi
1997	San Antonio Classic	Quarterfinals	NA	
1997	US National	Round of 16	NA	
1997	St Louis Classic	NA	Semifinals	Hue Tu
1990	Indonesia Open (5* Intl event))	NA	1st rounder	
1989	World Junior Tournament	1st round	NA	(lost to Heryanto Arbi)
1982	West Jakarta under 13	NA	Finalist	(Lost to Ardy Wiranata)

The Artist



While the world is enamored by the power exhibited in badminton to the tune of jump smashes at 200 mph and 30" verticals by players, Imam brings to the fore an "art form" that includes peerless strokes and a strong sense of anticipation. This sets him up to use his power at exactly the right time.

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