



# Hue Tu — “The Ageless Wonder”



## The player

The southwest region offers some of the most competitive badminton in the United States and Hue has been one of the best among them for over 15 years. Going beyond the sheer number of singles, doubles and mixed doubles events he has won across Texas, Louisiana, Missouri and Oklahoma what amazes most people who have watched him over these years, has been the fact that he seems to have his A-game every single time; which is a result of extreme discipline and intense effort that goes into his preparation for every event. His game is well respected and acknowledged for a multitude of facets that includes:

- ◇ Exceptional understanding of strategies
- ◇ Flawless technique
- ◇ Power and control
- ◇ Consistency
- ◇ Extreme fitness
- ◇ Agility and fluidity

He has the unique ability to efficiently combine the above and execute a game plan. Of course all these mean little without the ability to read the opponent, the flow of the game and make adjustments. What would be half time adjustments in a football or basketball game happens in a matter of a few points.

With all this is an exceptional human being, humble in his on-court achievements, benevolent in his contributions to the preservation of the game and development of players young and old.

## The Commitment

Hue has contributed a great deal in the Dallas/Fort Worth area as a player and promoter of badminton. He facilitated the growth of badminton at the Samuel Grand and Reverchon Recreation Centers since he started playing badminton in Dallas in 1991. His willingness to offer valuable tips and suggestions has helped to improve the overall quality of the players around him. His role as an advisory to the Dallas Badminton Club is critical in establishing and promoting the sport of badminton going forward. He not only coaches on a regular basis but he also caters to the needs of the badminton population by facilitating equipment and even stringing rackets.

## The Role Model

Hue is a perfect role model for those young players aspiring to make it big in the world of badminton. He shows extreme patience and tolerance while dealing with budding players. He has proven time and again that age holds no bar in succeeding, if one is willing to take both their game and lives seriously. Hue is an inspiration inside and outside the badminton courts and will continue to motivate youngsters into the game of badminton.

## The Tournaments

Over the course of the years he has won so many events that we have lost track and so has he. The doubles quarter-final of US Nationals in 1994 is still a memorable one. He has been a finalist in mixed doubles of the Southern Open several times. He has won doubles and mixed doubles events in all the tournaments in the region including Baylor Open, University of North Texas Open, Houston Open, University of Texas Open, Brushy Creek Open, Texas Games, Louisiana Games, University of Oklahoma Sooner Open, Dallas Open and Texins Open. Fresh in mind are his achievements in 2007:

Date	Tournament	Event Results	
		Open Doubles	Open Mixed
Feb-07	OU Sooners Badminton Open	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Apr-07	Brushy Creek Badminton Open	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-
Sep-07	Dallas Badminton Open	1 <sup>st</sup>	-
Nov-07	Houston Badminton Open	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dec-07	Texins Badminton Open	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>



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From his teenage years, Hue’s game plan relies on his endurance and swiftness. A lot of years have gone by but Hue continues to chug along the same lines. This is exemplified by the fact that, in 2007, Hue did the “Hotter N Hell One Hundred” (100 miles of biking in under 7 hours) and the very next weekend competed in the Dallas Badminton Open across 3 events. To top it off, he was the last man standing!