

## SUniG Netball: NUS beat SMU 75–24 to set up showdown with NTU for title

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NUS (orange bibs) saw off the challenge of SMU to win 75–24. They now face NTU to decide who will win the SUniG netball title. (Photo © Les Tan/Red Sports)

National University of Singapore, Monday, September 16, 2013 – The National University of Singapore (NUS) defeated Singapore Management University (SMU) 75–24 to set up a showdown with Nanyang Technological University (NTU) for the Singapore University Games (SuniG) Netball Championship title.

“We started out very well and kept our defense consistent throughout the four quarters,” commented NUS Vice Captain Yun Zhen. “SMU gave us a good fight though, they didn’t make it easy for our attackers to get through.”

In the second quarter, NUS stepped up their defence which forced SMU to make shorter passes to maintain control possession of the ball. NUS’ tightened defence and swifter passes gave them a commanding 37-point, 56–19 lead at the end of the third quarter. A 19–5 fourth quarter wrapped up the win for NUS.

SMU captain Amalina Saparin said: “We went into today’s game with the mindset to challenge NUS as much as we could. Regardless of the score, we are contented with how we ended off the season being top 3. This was our team’s goal for SuniG this year.”



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When asked about NUS' expectations for their gold-medal match against NTU, Yun Zhen said: "We definitely need to remain steady and composed throughout our match against NTU. Most importantly, keep our play simple and make sure our basics are good."

On the next court, NTU defeated Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) 70–30.

Both teams have beaten the other four universities — Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT), Singapore Institute of Management (SIM), Singapore Management University (SMU) and Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) by substantial margins. With a round-robin format with no semi-final and final matches, the game between NUS and NTU will decide the championship winner.

The game will be played on Wednesday, 7.30pm, at the NUS Sports and Recreation Centre outdoor court.

#### **Score by Quarter**

NUS vs SMU

1Q: 19–6

2Q: 16–6 (35–12)

3Q: 21–7 (56–19)

4Q: 19–5

Final Score: 75–24

NTU vs SIM

1Q: 22–6

2Q: 15–8 (37–14)

3Q: 13–10 (50–24)

4Q: 20–6

Final Score: 70–30