

# MINI REPORT – MARCH MADNESS 2020

## (BADMINTON)

### Justification in joining the activity:

March Madness 2020 is an activity that consists of many different sports and e-sports. My partner and I participated in the badminton event of this activity because many of our friends from the university's badminton team (U-Team) was participating. We both felt that it was a great opportunity for us to test our abilities as a team, to play against those who represents the university. Besides, we also took it as a chance to scout for new talents among the new intake students in order to expand the university team.

### The Graduate Attributes that are focused on:

- **Communication Skills:**

- Communication skills was one of the graduate attributes that were focused on because my partner and I had to constantly communicate with each other while playing against opponents on the court. If we did not have good communication skills, we would definitely not have won as the runner-up.

- **Thinking Skills:**

- Thinking skills was focused on because my partner and I had to constantly think about how we should play all the shots against our opponents, and we also had to constantly think about each other's movements and positions on the court, in order to cover the whole court and not allow our opponents to find an opening to attack.

- **Leadership and Teamworking Skills:**

- Leadership and teamworking skills were involved because one of us had to be more of a leader while playing on the court, the role of the team leader was to ensure that his team mates are always motivated to win and had a positive mindset. I was able to play the role of a leader for some matches while my partner played the role of the leader in other matches. The both of us lead each other to victory in many of the matches that we played. Needless to say, strong leadership only works when there are also strong teamworking skills. Both my partner and I had to work together hand in hand in order to pull through and defeat our opponents.

- **Adaptability:**

- Adaptability was also involved in this activity because we had to adapt to all the different styles of play from all of our opponents. Some of our opponents were strong offensively, some were strong defensively, and some were strong in both offense and defence. Thus, we had to constantly adapt to all the different styles of play in order to pull through. Many of our opponents were state-levelled so it was very tough to adapt to their styles quickly.

- **Global Citizen:**

- Global citizen was also involved in this activity because my partner and I both had to stay humble and respect all our opponents no matter the outcome of the matches. We had to be a good global citizen by staying humble and showing respect and consideration to every participant so that our opponents who lost to us will not feel like they were disrespected, while opponents who defeated us would not feel like we were angry with the outcome.

### Content of the activity:

The activity March Madness consisted of many different sporting events such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, futsal, and so on. My partner and I took part in the badminton event of this activity, in the category of men's doubles. On the first day of the event, all the participants of the badminton event were required to gather at Sports Hall 1 in the UTM Johor Bahru Campus for a briefing in the morning. Men's Singles and Women's Singles category were the categories that kicked off the badminton event immediately after the briefing. The single's category for both genders lasted for around 2 hours, which ended at around 12pm, leaving out the quarter final matches to be continued on the following day. Then, there was a lunch break which lasted until roughly 2pm. Then, the Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles category began after the break, and lasted for roughly 3 hours because there were many participants and also some minor delays along the way. It was approximately 6pm when all of the matches before the quarter finals had been completed. On the following day, at around 9am in the morning, the quarter final rounds for both the men's singles category and the women's singles category began. The final matches for both of these categories were completed after roughly 2 hours, and immediately the doubles categories were carried out. At around 12pm, there was a break which lasted for approximately 2 hours, then the final matches for both the men's and women's doubles category began after the break. At around 4pm, the matches had all been completed and an award-giving-ceremony was held to present the prizes to the winners of each category. The badminton event for this activity ended at around 5pm after the award-giving ceremony.