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Ygor Coelho's special relationship with Nanjing produced another memorable day for the Brazilian at the TOTAL BWF World Championships 2018 as he upset 11th seed HS Prannoy today.



Coelho's first memorable international tournament was the Youth Olympic Games 2014 in Nanjing, during which he had received a short instructional clinic from former World champion Sun Jun. Coelho recalled that Sun Jun's lessons had stood him in good stead today, as he countered all of Prannoy's stratagems and came out winner in their Men's Singles second round match: 8-21 21-16 21-15.

"I improved a lot after the Youth Olympics," said Coelho. "Sun Jun helped a lot. It was the first advice I received from a coach; earlier I'd just trained with my father. Thanks to that little bit of advice, my netgame has been very good."



There was little indication of an upset unfolding when Prannoy blew his opponent off court in the opening game. Coelho however hung on, and soon the cracks began to appear on the opposite side. Coelho's defensive game was solid, and Prannoy appeared to run out of ideas as

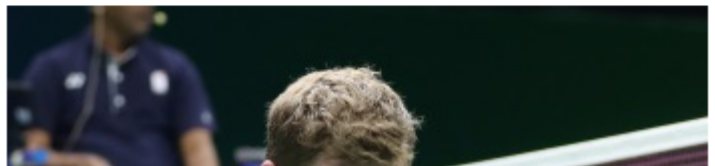
the Brazilian stayed stubborn in the rallies. Having made history as the first Brazilian in the third round, Coelho was thrilled to bits.

"It's great to play among the best. I'm really happy and I hope to keep going. I was nervous. I was leading by four-five points in the second game, and then I was shaking, I couldn't smash. My coach was very important to keep me focussed. I think that made the difference. I feel happy but it's not over yet."



Prannoy was unable to explain his defeat, only conceding that he needed to get tougher in the mental department: "There is no exact thing you can do to make it better. I need to get back and try to do that. I'm not a player gifted in terms of being gritty, I'm a guy who has been bad dealing with pressure, in the last couple of years it has been better, but at this level there's a lot of work to do. I think it's one match I need to forget as soon as possible and get back to work."

Coelho has another difficult opponent lined up in the third round – Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien Chen, who breezed past Denmark's Rasmus Gemke.



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