Subhankar Dey won Portuguese International Series Badminton Title

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It was a Super Sunday for Subhankar Dey. The Indian shuttler maintained his winning spree to emerge Men's Singles Champion in the 52nd Portuguese International Series Badminton Tournament at Caldas da Rainha, Portugal, on Sunday.

The 23-year-old Dey shocked fourth seed Victor Svendsen of Denmark 21-19, 21-19 in 42 minutes. Fifth seed Dey was stretched by an experienced Danish in a hard-fought summit clash but Indian kept his nerves intact to clinch his fifth International Title.

With this win, Dey settled the scores with Svendsen, who is ranked 91st in the world. Only last month, Dey had lost to this Danish opponent in straight games at the Austrian Open.

Earlier in the Semifinal, Dey, ranked 106 in the world, rallied back superbly to overcame the tough challenge of eighth seed Gergely Krausz of Hungary. After losing the first game narrowly, Dey bounced back strongly to register a thrilling 19-21, 21-16, 21-18 win in an hour.

"Both my opponents in the final and semis were very competitive. I am happy to get the better of them. In fact, my semifinal was the toughest match of the tournament. Hungarian had caused so many upsets this season," Dey told TOI from Portugal.
