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ENGLAND WITHSTANDS DETERMINED CHALLENGE TO WIN GOLD IN MIXED DOUBLES

England's strong finish in the Men's Doubles on Tuesday afternoon spurred the duo of Becky Day and Elliot Crosby into another impressive start to the Mixed Doubles event. The pair shot lines of 489, 522 and 459 to hold an overnight lead ahead of Malaysia's B Squad players Shalin Zulkifli and Timmy Tan, and A Squad pair of Siti Amirah and Mohd Nur Aiman.

When play resumed this morning, Day and Crosby maintained their form and withstood a determined challenge by the two Malaysian pairs to secure England's first Gold medal in this Championship with an impressive 235 average over the six games.

Malaysia scooped both Silver and Bronze, edging out Malta's duo of Tiziana Carannante and Dennis Mercieca, with Australia's Dena Buxton and Jayden Leming finishing fifth, just 5 pins ahead of Wales pair Louise Roberts and Stewart Bryden.

Individual High Game honours for the Mixed Doubles event were shared by Malaysia's Mohd Nur Aiman and Shalin Zulkifli who both scored 280. With just the Teams event still to play to decide All-Events final standings, Mohd Nur Aiman and Timmy Tan from Malaysia lead the Men's field on 4346 and 4142 ahead of England's Elliot Crosby at 4045, followed by Quintin Haywood from South Africa at 4040 and David Maycock from Bermuda at 3845.

Shalin Zulkifli continues to top the interim standings in the Women's All-Events on 3972 overall, with Malta's Tiziana Carannante and Malaysia's Siti Amirah on 3894 and 3884 respectively. Doubles Silver medallist Sue Abela from Malta is currently fourth overall on 3838, and Singles Silver medallist Bec Whiting from Australia is on 3824. A strong performance in the Mixed Doubles event has elevated England's Becky Daly into sixth place overall on 3814 going into tomorrow's Teams event.

Play resumes at Johannesburg's Northcliff Bowl at 10.30am on Thursday with the first 3-game block of what promises to be a hotly contested Teams event. Full scores are available online via the official Championship website – www.ctbc2016.org.

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