



Badminton at Rostrenen - Qi Xue Fei

Rob So Jacques you're the President of the badminton here in Rostrenen?

Jacques Yes I am.

Rob And tell me, how did you hear about Qi Xue Fei?

Jacques My wife was looking for a Chinese player since 3 years ago. She was looking for somebody. We knew in China the badminton level is high. So my wife was looking for some Chinese girl who could help us and who would be interested in speaking and learning French and life, European life. So she asked the people who, who went to China for work and one time she has the idea of asking a famous player in France and she asked by mail 'Don't you know some girl who would be interested to come?' And this famous Chinese woman give the name of Qi Xue Fei. And so my wife send a mail and well she was interested. With the help of Chinese teachers here in Pontivy and St. Brieuc Qi Xue Fei was agree with us to come.

Rob Will you do this again, this experience?

Jacques Is the second experience. Last year a girl came from Poland but she only came for the competitions for the, for the matches, she don't, she didn't live here, okay? Qi Xue Fei is different. She lives with us, she's training with us, she will help us in the Club. It's more interesting for nous, for us, but more expensive.

Rob This is the first time I heard of amateur clubs who pay for foreign players. This is normally what you hear about in football teams, so this is quite unusual.

Jacques This is unusual and many people are talking about it. It is the first time a Chinese player came in France like her and it make a big buzz in the badminton family of France. Everybody's talking about her.

Rob How do the other players in the club appreciate the influence of... Is she teaching them different tactics, different styles?

Jacques Yes, yes, she, she has another way of playing and training and the other players are amazed. And they appreciate a lot Qi Xue Fei. She will teach us many things.

Rob I'm talking now with Qi Xue Fei, is that the right way to say it?

Qi Xue Fei Qi Xue Fei..ha ha....

Rob Tell me, why are you in Brittany?

Qi Xue Fei Because I like here.

Rob What, what are you doing in Brittany?

Qi Xue Fei Oh badminton and training, play match.

Rob You came in December?

Qi Xue Fei Yeah.

Rob And you're staying for?

Qi Xue Fei Six months

Rob You will play a lot of badminton?

Qi Xue Fei Yeah, I will.

Rob Why do you come to France and not to England or Germany or America? Why do you come...

Qi Xue Fei Because France need me. They are need me.

Rob The club of Rostrenen, it needs you?

Qi Xue Fei Yeah.

Rob So you're here for 6 months, you're playing a lot of badminton for the Club and for yourself also.

Qi Xue Fei For club and for myself.

Rob Is the badminton a good standard in Brittany?

Qi Xue Fei Some people, not all, so I can't see the high or low.

Rob This is your first time in France, in Brittany, for you, what is different?

Qi Xue Fei Weather. Weather. In China people very much and here I think very quiet.

Rob How about the food?

Qi Xue Fei Food? Oh yeah. That is very different.

Rob For example?

QiXueFei In China the vegetables sometimes very hot. Spicy. But now some people like spicy.

Rob With the Siberil family, do you cook some Chinese food?

Qi Xue Fei Yeah, just the once, once.

Rob What did you make for them?

Qi Xue Fei Soup. Just a soup.

Rob And did they like it?

Qi Xue Fei I don't know.

Rob It's brilliant, and what happens in the future? Will you learn to speak French?

Qi Xue Fei A little, yeah.

Rob What can you say in French?

Qi Xue Fei Ça va, bonjour, bon soir,

Rob That's great, thank you very much.

QiXueFei Thank you.

