

Bahraini shooters just short of bronze

Tammar Alwatt, Maryam Alasam lose podium chance with defeat to Qatari counterparts in skeet mixed team competition

● Bahraini pair just eight points shy of skeet mixed team bronze

● Kingdom's paddlers bow out of singles, doubles competitions

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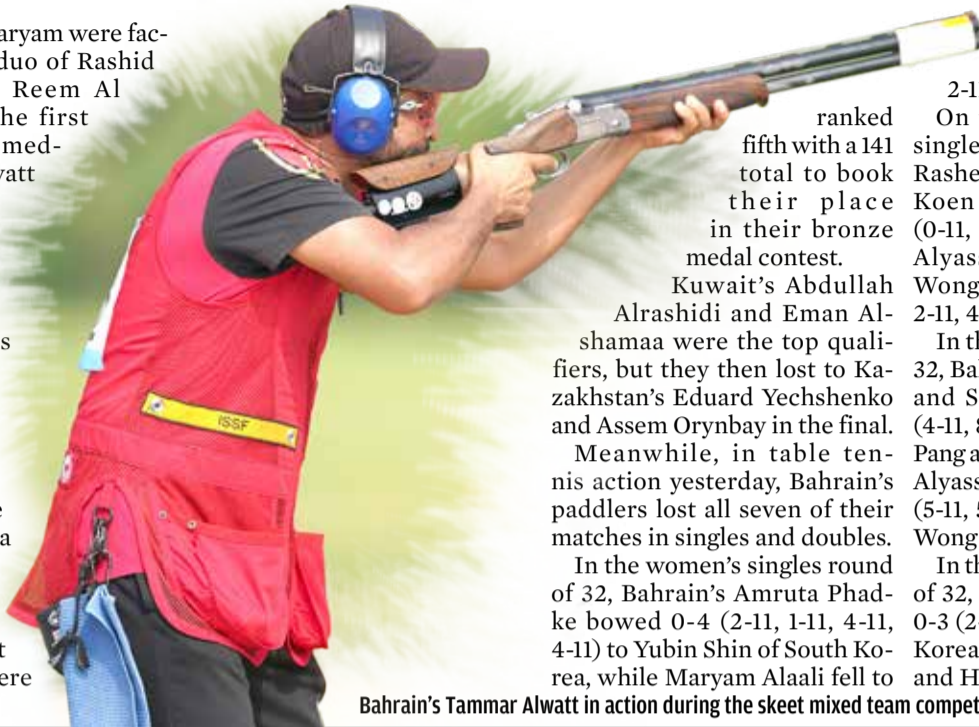
Bahrain narrowly missed out yesterday on securing their first medal at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The Bahraini tandem of Tammar Alwatt and Maryam Alasam came eight points shy of securing the bronze medals in the skeet mixed team competition in shooting.

Alwatt and Maryam were facing the Qatari duo of Rashid Al Athba and Reem Al Sharshani in the first of two bronze medal matches. Alwatt and Alasam finished with a 37 total, while Al Athba and Reem had a 44 score.

The Qataris thus joined gold-medallists Kazakhstan, silver-medallists Kuwait and fellow-bronze medallists China on the podium.

Earlier, in the qualification round, Alwatt and Maryam were



Bahrain's Tammar Alwatt in action during the skeet mixed team competition yesterday

Suthasini Sawettabut of Thailand 0-4 (3-11, 2-11, 2-11, 6-11).

On the distaff in the men's singles round of 32, Bahrain's Rashed Rashed fell to Yew En Koen Pang of Singapore 0-4 (0-11, 5-11, 9-11, 1-11), and Alyas Alyassi bowed to Chun Ting Wong of Hong 0-4 (2-11, 7-11, 2-11, 4-11).

In the men's doubles round of 32, Bahrainis Salman Mohamed and Sayed Murtadha lost 0-3 (4-11, 8-11, 5-11) to Singaporeans Pang and Isaac Quek Yong, while Alyassi and Rashed bowed 0-3 (5-11, 5-11, 8-11) to Hong Kong's Wong and Kwan Kit Ho.

In the women's doubles round of 32, Maryam and Amruta lost 0-3 (2-11, 3-11, 9-11) to the South Korean tandem of Eunhye Lee and Ha Eun Yang.

ranked fifth with a 141 total to book their place in their bronze medal contest.

Kuwait's Abdullah Alrashidi and Eman Alshamaa were the top qualifiers, but they then lost to Kazakhstan's Eduard Yechshenko and Assem Orynbay in the final.

Meanwhile, in table tennis action yesterday, Bahrain's paddlers lost all seven of their matches in singles and doubles.

In the women's singles round of 32, Bahrain's Amruta Phadke bowed 0-4 (2-11, 1-11, 4-11, 4-11) to Yubin Shin of South Korea, while Maryam Alaali fell to



The skeet mixed team bronze medal match was Bahrain's second chance so far to step onto the podium at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China. Bahraini Askerbii Gerbekov earlier this week came up just short in his under-81kg bronze medal contest in men's judo

Basketball team suffer defeat to Jordan

● Mustafa Hussain scores 16 points to pace nationals in second straight loss

● Nationals face must-win against Thailand tomorrow to advance to next stage

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Bahrain's senior men's national basketball team suffered their second successive loss in the men's basketball preliminary round at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The Bahrainis bowed to Jordan 60-84 in their Group C affair. It followed their opening defeat to the Philippines on Tuesday.

The nationals now need to win their final game of this stage against Thailand tomorrow at 12.30pm, Bahrain time, at Zhejiang University Zijingang Gymnasium. The Thais succumbed to the Philippines 72-87 in yesterday's other Group C game.

Jordan and the Philippines face off in tomorrow's other divisional fixture, scheduled for a similar tip-off time at a different venue.

In Bahrain's loss yesterday, the nationals had a tough start,



Bahrain's Wayne Chism is fouled by the Jordanian defence as he goes for a basket during their game yesterday

being held to just single digits in the first quarter and going down 8-28 heading into the second. They raised their efforts over the ensuing three periods, but could not make up the deficit, trailing by as many as 24 points

the rest of the way.

Mustafa Hussain scored 16 points to lead the Bahrainis while Mohammed Ameer added 11 to go with nine rebounds. Maitham Jameel and Mohammed Buallay chipped in with

GROUP C STANDINGS

	P	W	L	+/-	Pts
Jordan	2	2	0	58	4
Philippines	2	2	0	43	4
Thailand	2	0	2	-49	2
Bahrain	2	0	2	-52	2

eight markers apiece, while Ali Aqeel had six and Wayne Chism five points.

Rondae Jefferson paced the Jordanians with 17 points, while John Bohannon had 13.

Both Jordan and the Philippines are unbeaten in Group C heading into their head-to-head.

Bahrain must win their game against the Thais in order to secure a place in the next round.

There are 16 nations competing in men's basketball at Hangzhou, divided into four groups for the preliminaries. After a single round-robin, the top teams in each group will qualify directly for the quarter-finals on Wednesday next week. Meanwhile, the second and third-ranked sides will play each other in a play-off round on Monday for the right to determine the four other quarter-finalists.

The semi-finals and fifth-to-eighth ranking games are then scheduled for Thursday; and then the gold and bronze medal games, plus the final classification contests, will be held on Saturday next week.

Bahrain athletics team begin medal hunt

● Bahrainis Violah Jepchumba, Bontu Rebitu and Noora Salem Jasim to go for gold today in respective events

● Former world champions Salwa Eid Naser, Kemi Adekoya and Edidiong Odiong in action in opening heats

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Bahrain's national athletics team get their medal bids underway today at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The Kingdom's delegation features 32 track and field stars, who are considered to be Bahrain's best hopes for winning medals at this year's Asiad.

Bahrain's athletics squad were responsible for winning all but one of the total medals at each of the previous two editions of the Asian Games in 2014 and 2018.

In 2014 in Incheon, South Korea, the Kingdom's elite

track and field talents came away with 18 of the 19 medals, including nine gold, six silver and three bronze. Then, in 2018 in Jakarta and Palembang in Indonesia, Bahrain's athletes clinched 23 of the 24 medals, with 10 gold, seven silver and six bronze medals.

Going for gold today in the women's 10,000m final at Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Stadium will be Bahrainis

Violah Jepchumba and Bontu Rebitu. Their race is scheduled for a 3.05pm start, Bahrain time.

Bahrain's Noora Salem Jasim will also be vying for a podium place in the women's shot put final, starting at 3.45pm, Bahrain.

Meanwhile, former world champions Salwa Eid Naser and Kemi Adekoya are also set to hit the track in the women's 400 metres.

Salwa, the event's 2019 world champion, will be running the first of three heats in the distance's first round. Kemi, the event's world indoor champion in 2016, will be contesting heat two. Only the first two in each heat along with the next two fastest advance to the final.

Bahrain's Abbas Yusuf Abbas will also be in action, competing in heat one of the men's 400m opening round. There are three heats in all, with first two in each and the next two fastest going through to the medal race.

Others set to compete in their respective first round heats are Edidiong Odiong, another former world champion, and fellow-sprinters Hajar Alkhalidi and Saeed Alkhalidi.

Edidiong, the women's 200m under-20 world champion in 2016, will be in heat one of the women's 100m, while Hajar will be running heat two. The first two in each of the three first-round heats, along with the next two fastest, move on to the final.

Saeed will be running heat four of the men's 100m opening phase. There are five heats in all, with the first four in each heat and the next four fastest advancing to the semi-finals.

Bahrain's Hajar Alkhalidi (File photo)



Bahrain's delegation head at the Hangzhou Asian Games and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa held a dinner ceremony in honour of the Kingdom's athletes participating in the multi-sport event. Among those in attendance were BOC secretary general Faris Al Kooheji, BOC board members Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa and Ali Issa, Bahrain Esports Federation president Hussain Al Kooheji, Bahrain's Chef de Mission Ahmed Abdulhaffar, and the athletes and other delegation officials. Above, officials and athletes at the gathering

