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G.Sathiyam qualifies for main draw



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Suzhou: G.Sathiyam continued his good show in the QOROS World Table Tennis Championships by qualifying for the main draw of the men's singles event.

Sathiyam, ranked 188 in the world, beat Chilean Felipe Olivares 11-7, 11-8, 11-8, 11-4 in the final round to earn a place in the main draw.

However, a tougher opponent awaits Sathiyam as he takes on Sweden's world number 64 Gerell Par in the first round of singles event.

Sanil Shetty who had also entered the last round of the qualifiers bowed out to higher ranked Elia Schmid of Switzerland after leading at one stage. Sanil lost 12-10, 13-15, 11-9, 6-11, 11-7, 13-15, 9-11 to Schmid.

India's top ranked player Sharath Kamal will take on lower ranked Park Sin Hyok of PRK in the first round.

The women players have their task cut out with all of them taking on higher ranked opponents in the first round of the singles event.

Mouma Das, who at 172 is the highest ranked Indian player runs in the 69th ranked Mikhailova Polina of Russia in the first round. K. Shamini, who did well yesterday to qualify for the main draw, will meet 69th ranked Lithuanian Ruta Paskaukiene in the first round.

Manika Batra, ranked 803, will meet 36th ranked Hirano Miu of Japan in the first round.

The Indian doubles pair of Sharath Kamal/ G.Sathiyam and Soumyajit Ghosh and Sanil Shetty will be seen in action today. They are drawn against higher ranked doubles pairs. Mouma Das and K.Shamini will also be figuring in the women's doubles event.. Manika Batra is partnering Australian Lay Jian Fang in this tournament.

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