

Iran's Daniyal Shakhbakhsh is among the fourteen Asian winners in the day at the AIBA World Boxing Championships

Fourteen Asian boxers advanced to the quarter-finals in the seventh competition day of the AIBA World Boxing Championships in Belgrade, Serbia today. Iran's ASBC Asian Boxing Championships silver medallist Daniyal Shakhbakhsh was highly confident in the competition day and his impressive technical skills guaranteed his place in the last eight.

The round of 16 contests were held at the bantamweight (54kg), lightweight (60kg), light middleweight (71kg), cruiserweight (86kg), heavyweight (92kg) and super heavyweight (+92kg) on Day7 which saw 48 contests in the Serbian capital.

The following 20 Asian nations are attending in the AIBA World Boxing Championships in Belgrade: Fair Chance Team, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, South Korea, Laos, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Thailand Boxing Federation, Tajikistan, Chinese Taipei, and Uzbekistan.

India's Akash Kumar won the first bout of the day

India's Akash Kumar is a newcomer in the elite national team but he competed in top youth competitions and he had already international experiences. The Indian National Champion met with Puerto Rico's Caleb Tirado in the last 16 of the bantamweight (54kg) and tried to follow head coach Mr. Santiago Nieva's strategy. The Indian talent received some punches from the Puerto Rican side in the first round but he was able to keep the best distance. Akash Kumar increased his tempo in the second round and he outpointed the attacking Puerto Rican with nice technical skills.

Japan's Tomoya Tsuboi delivered the sensation of the day

Uzbekistan's Shakhobiddin Zoirov won the last edition of the AIBA World Boxing Championships, he is the reigning ASBC Asian Champion and impressed in all of his international competitions in the recent nine years. The Uzbek favourite started better than Japan's Tomoya Tsuboi who joined to the elite national team in 2015 but he had to miss some big events as the Qualifiers. Zoirov was slightly better in the second round but the 25-year-old

Japanese had an outstanding last period and his stamina was enough to turn back their round of 16 battle in Belgrade.

Kyrgyzstan's Sanzhai Seidakmatov eliminated a top Armenian on Day7

Kyrgyzstan's Sanzhai Seidakmatov competed in the 2017 and 2018 editions of the ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships and used the recent three years to develop his technical and tactical skills. The 21-year-old bantamweight (54kg) talent won the Kyrgyz Elite National Championships at the very first time this September and his selection paid off in Belgrade. His coach Mr. Akyikat Abayev built a strong strategy against Armenia's strong Vahe Badalyan and Seidakmatov was able to follow that. The referee counted the Armenian during the bout which increased Seidakmatov's confidence and the Kyrgyz advanced to the last 8.

Kazakhstan's Makhmud Sabyrkhan advanced to the quarter-finals

Kazakhstan has got a new head elite coach, Mr. Kairat Satzhanov who impressed with his youth and junior teams in the recent years. He knew Makhmud Sabyrkhan well from his junior age and worked with him in several years therefore the connection between the coach and the boxer is amazing. The two-time ASBC Asian Youth Champion Kazakh was highly confident in the first round against Scotland's Matthew McHale and took the lead on the scorecards. Sabyrkhan landed effective punches from several angles and despite of McHale's strong fighting spirit, he was able to win their bantamweight (54kg) bout.

India's Narender Berwal eliminated the Tajik veteran

India's former AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships bronze medallist Narender Berwal needed nine years to be top squad member in their elite line-ups. The currently 27-year-old Indian had a strong game play against Tajikistan's 35-year-old veteran, Jakhon Qurbonov who competed in his first AIBA event still in 2005. The former Asian Games winner Tajik was not able to stop the Indian attacks in the first round and received punches from several ranges. The Indian decided their contest in the second round when after the standing count, the referee stopped their preliminary battle.

Uzbekistan's Lazizbek Mullojonov eliminated his second rival in Belgrade

Uzbekistan won the super heavyweight (+92kg) in the recent big championships but their star Bakhodir Jalolov received time to relax after his gold medals. He was replaced by Lazizbek Mullojonov who won the 2017 ASBC Asian Youth Boxing Championships and the 2021 CISM World Military Boxing Championships. The Uzbek was more experienced than England's new national team member, Delicious Orié and caught his opponent with quicker actions in the first round. Mullojonov has got strong athletic skills and his condition is impressive to keep the same level of boxing until the very end.

Uzbekistan's Abdumalik Khalakov can expect a strong fight in the quarter-finals

Uzbekistan's AIBA Youth World Champion Abdumalik Khalakov had an easy opponent as first and he was the favourite once again in his second appearance in Belgrade. The 21-year-old Uzbek lightweight (60kg) boxer worked hard in the first round against Slovenia's Tadej Cernoga who reached his career highlight with two successes in an AIBA World Boxing Championships. The Slovenian gave in everything but Khalakov had the speed advantage and he knew more about boxing than Cernoga. The Slovenian injured in the final minute but he was able to box until the last gong which made a strong respect from the public.

Iran's Daniyal Shakhbakhsh is in the quarter-final

The Iranian team performed well in the first seven competition days of the AIBA World Boxing Championships in Belgrade. Their ASBC Asian Boxing Championships silver medallist Daniyal Shakhbakhsh delivered one of his best ever performances against Kyrgyzstan's Munarbek Seyitbek Uulu in the round of 16 at the lightweight (60kg). He has amazing technical skills and he worked a lot on feet to catch his Kyrgyz opponent with counter-attacks. The Iranian amazed all of the fans in the venue and he remained his chance alive to win the medal in Belgrade.

Zevad Eshaish turned back his round of 16 bout

Jordan's Asian Games bronze medallist Zeyad Eshaish is only 23 now but he has got already five years of elite international experiences. Jordan's No.1 moved up to the light middleweight (71kg) in the recent weeks and eliminated one of the gold medal contenders, Cuba's Roniel Iglesias in the previous part of the championships. Eshaish had a few difficulties in the first round against Norway's Don Emini in the first round but he was able to turn up the heat in the second. The referee counted the younger Norwegian three-times in their meeting therefore Eshaish secured his place in the last eight as in Yekaterinburg two years ago.

Shymbergenov and Dev are in the last eight at the light middleweight

Kazakhstan's Aslanbek Shymbergenov is in amazing form this year, he won the strong Governor Cup on April and defeated his next opponent with large margin of differences. The Asian Games silver medallist eliminated Uzbekistan's Hamburg 2017 AIBA World Champion Shakhram Giyasov in Belgrade and his power decided the contest against Germany's Magomed Schachidov. The next succeeded Asian boxer was Nishant Dev of India who had a hectic contest against Mexico's 19-year-old Marco Verde in the same light middleweight (71kg). Debutant Dev had enough advantage after six minutes of fight to win their tough contest in the seventh day of boxing.

Amazing Asian heavyweight battle in Belgrade

Uzbekistan's Madiyar Saidrakhimov and Kazakhstan's Aibek Oralbay had to meet each other already in the last 16 of the heavyweight (92kg). Saidrakhimov replaced Sanjar Tursunov in the national team while Aibek Oralbay is also a new addition following Vasiliy Levit's era. The two top Asian boxers impressed in all of the three rounds in the last bout of the seventh competition day. Oralbay began better and the referee counted the Uzbek in the first round but Saidrakhimov returned to the bout with tough shots in the second. The Kazakh boxer was also counted while the decisive third round favoured Saidrakhimov who won their tough battle, the last in the competition day.

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