



CWG 2014: PV Sindhu, Kashyap reach Quarters

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Glasgow: Indian shuttlers had a good day in office as P V Sindhu, Parupalli Kashyap, R M V Gurusaidutt and P C Thulasi all qualified for the Quarterfinals in their respective events at the 20th Commonwealth Games.

India's top draw in Women's Singles event, Sindhu made light work of her Sri Lankan opponent Thilini Hendahewa 21-14 21-14 in just 26 minutes to book her place in the last eight round. Sindhu will face Anna Rankin of New Zealand in the Quarterfinals tomorrow.

Delhi Games Bronze Medallist, Kashyap took just 24 minutes to end the misery of his rival Jeff Tho of Australia 21-7 21-8, while Thulasi thrashed Rachel Honderich of Canada 21-12 21-7 in a 31-minute match. World No. 22 Kashyap will now take on Daren Liew, ranked 47th. A former top 10 player.

Gurusaidutt also notched up an easy 21-13 21-9 win over Andrew D'Souza of Canada in a Men's Singles match that lasted 27 minutes at the Emirates Arena. Guru will face World No 18 and top seed Chong Wei Feng of Malaysia. The Indian has always played three games against him but lost 0-4 so far.

Thulasi will be up against World No. 33 Jing Yi Tee, a player against whom she has lost twice in the past.

Among other Indian shuttlers, Kidambi Srikanth also entered the Quarterfinals of the Men's Singles event after registering a hard-fought 20-22 21-16 21-12 win over Sri Lanka's Niluka Karunaratne. Srikanth will face Derek Wong in the Quarterfinals tomorrow.

Reigning Women's Doubles Gold Medallist pair of Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa also made it to the Quarterfinals after beating Australian combination of He Tian Tang and Renuga Veeran 18-21 21-10 21-6 in a keenly-contested 41-minute duel.

However, it was curtains for Men's Doubles pair of Pranaav Chopra and Akshay Dewalkar as they went down tamely 13-21 14-21 to Malaysian duo of Wee Kioong Tan and Wei Shem Goh.
