

Sourabh Varma enters Malaysia GP Gold final



New Delhi: They say luck favours the brave. That is what exactly happened with Sourabh Varma at the Yonex-Sunrise Malaysian Open Grand Prix Gold Badminton tournament at Pasir Gudang on Saturday.

The eighth seeded Indian sailed into the Men's Singles final without breaking a sweat as his opponent Wei Feng Chong pulled out because of back injury just before their potentially tough semifinal clash.

The second seeded Malaysian was treated by the doctors but the world No. 14 had no choice but to give walk-over to Varma, which disappointed hundreds of his fans who had come to cheer the local boy.

The 21-year-old Varma will now lock horns with 15th seed Simon Santoso.

However, Varma is confident that he will avenge the loss on Sunday and clinch his maiden GP Gold title. "Yes there is a chance tomorrow and I want to win. I am very confident because I am in good form right now," Varma told TOI on Saturday.

About the lucky break in the semifinal, the world No. 43 said, "I just did my warm-up and was getting ready for the match when referee told me that there is no match because the opponent gave me walkover," after entering the final in his fourth successive international tournaments.
