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Badminton-Open (morning)

EWE HOCK MOVES INTO SECOND ROUND

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- Ong Ewe Hock, Malaysia's best bet to win the men's singles title, led 10 other national singles shuttlers into the second round of the US\$180,000 (RM450,000) Malaysia Open today.

Ewe Hock, who played in the Atlanta Olympic Games, had an easy opening round match against Denmark's Thomas Sogaard, winning 15-1 and 15-4 in 23 minutes.

Without Olympic bronze medallist Rashid Sidek and many of the top local stars, Malaysia has placed its hopes on Ewe Hock.

Taiwan's Fung Permadi, currently the highest ranked player in the absence of Rashid, struggled in the first round when he was stretched to three sets by Irwansyah of Indonesia before winning 7-15, 15-5 and 15-8 in one hour.

Malaysia's other notable winner today was Abdul Samad Ismail who defeated seeded player Pontus Jantti of Finland 15-11 and 15-4.

First round results:

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Men's singles:

Gerden Bruijstens (HOL) bt Rashid Sidek (MAS) w.o.; Hwang Sung Ho (KOR) bt Wan Sotirou (BUL) 15-6, 15-2; Luo Yigang (CHN) bt Michael Sydney (MAS) 15-7, 18-14; Yeoh Kay Bin (MAS) bt Won Siong Khoi (MAS) 15-6, 11-15, 15-3; Abdul Samad Ismail (MAS) bt Pontus Jantti (FIN) 15-11, 15-4; Budi Santoso (INA) bt Jamie Llanes (PHI) 15-6, 15-1; Kenneth Jonassen (DEN) bt A. Thiraratsakul (THA) 15-8, 4-15, 15-11; Jason Wong (MAS) bt Wang Chia Cherng (TAI) 15-11, 3-15, 15-3; Davincy Saha (MAS) by Kusanao Suzuki (JPN) 15-12, 15-10.

Deepankar Bhattacharya (IND) bt Lim Gow Chying (TAI) 15-11, 15-7; P. Kantharoopan (MAS) bt Anders Boesen (DEN) 15-5, 15-3; Pang Chen (MAS) bt Ho Van Loi (VIE) 15-5, 15-1; Boris Kessov (BUL) bt Tan Sian Peng (SIN) 15-17, 15-11, 15-8; Peter Gade Christensen (DEN) bt Wong Ewe Mun (MAS) 15-11, 15-6; Indra Wijaya (INA) bt Xie Yang Chun (CHN) 13-15, 15-5, 15-2; Nunung Subandoro (INA) bt Jim Laugesen (DEN) 15-2, 15-6; Imay Hendra (SUI) bt Ramesh Nathan (MAS) 15-11, 15-9; Natapol Sarawan (THA) bt Todor Velkov (BUL) 15-6, 2-15, 15-12; Hu Zhilan (CHN) bt Roslin Mohd Hashim (MAS) 15-5, 17-15.

Ng Kam Fook (MAS) bt A.K. Yohannes (INA) 15-7, 1-15, 15-5; Wong Choon Hann (MAS) bt Chris Bruil (HOL) 15-12, 15-5; Foo Yoon Keong (MAS) bt Melvin lloanes (PHI) 15-8, 15-9; Ong Ewe Hock (MAS) bt Thomas Sogaard (DEN) 15-1, 15-4; Chen Gang (CHN) bt Jaang Chun Woong (KOR) 15-5, 15-6; R. Jeffer (INA) bt Hwang Horatius (SIN) 15-2, 15-1; Martin Lungaard Hansen (DEN) bt Mahathir Mustaffa (MAS) 15-2, 15-8; Xiao Ting (CHN) bt Hoo Kim Loong (MAS) 15-6, 15-5; Hermawan Susanto (INA) bt Yau Kwun Yuen (HKG) 15-2, 15-10; Lo Ah Heng (MAS) bt Ronald Magnave (PHI) 15-4, 15-2; Fung Permadi (TAI) bt Irwansyah (INA) 7-15, 15-5, 15-8. -- BERNAMA

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