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SINGAPORE'S hopes of winning a world combat-sparring title at the World Silat Championships tomorrow will rest on young Mohammad Zulfakar Ramli's shoulders.

The 19-year-old South-east Asia Games champion entered the finals when he beat Brunei's Ramli Jaluddin in the 55-60kg semi-finals in Jakarta yesterday.

But two other Singaporeans lost – 1997 world champion Abdul Kadir Ibrahim (75-80kg) in the second round and Rafili Ramli (60-65kg) in the semi-finals.

Zulfakar will now meet Thailand's Nakim Kamsri for the gold. "He will win if he continues doing what he has done so far," said coach Sheikh Alauddin.

Though two Singaporean teams have made the artistic finals, their chances are slim, according to the coach.