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Yang, Zhang dismantle Bulgarian duo in doubles

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. -- Shannon Pohl of Chicago reached the second round of women's singles at the World Badminton Championships on Tuesday with a 9-11, 13-10, 11-5 victory over South Africa's Michelle Edwards.

Pohl's next opponent will be Juliane Schenk of Germany, who upset eighth-seeded Zhao Mi of China 11-2, 11-9. Zhou won the bronze medal last year at the Athens Olympics.

"I spent the whole year traveling around the world, about 15 countries, and training in Denmark preparing for this," Pohl said. "I spent every dollar I had. I quit my job, sold my car, moved back in with my family. It was all for this."

In women's doubles, top-seeded Yang Wei and Zhang Jiewen from China reached the quarterfinals by routing Bulgaria's Diana Dimiova and Linda Zechiri 15-0, 15-2.

Third-seeded Wei Lili and Zhao Tingting from China and fourth-seeded Lee Kyung Won and Lee Hyo Jung of South Korea also advanced to the quarterfinals.

In women's singles, 2004 Olympic silver medalist Mia Audina Tjiptawan from the Netherlands routed Estonia's Helen Reino in the first round 11-0, 11-1.

Americans who lost in the first round of men's events were Marc Lai of Waltham, Mass., in singles and the California doubles team of Khan Bob Malaythong and Raju Rai.

The American women's doubles pair of Eva Lee and Mesinee Mangkalakiri fell to 16th-seeded Liza Parker and Suzanne Rayappan of Britain 15-1, 15-6.

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