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## Chances bright for two medals

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**SHOOTING WELL:** (From left) Adrienne Ser, Vanessa Yong and Jasmine Ser are on target for a medal. -- ALBERT SIM

A BRONZE from Singapore's women's table-tennis team is assured.

Today, the shooters and swimmers will hope to deliver Singapore's first me

In shooting, hopes will rest on the women's 10-metre air-rifle team of Vane Yong, Adrienne Ser and Jasmine Ser.

Said team manager Thomas Soo: 'Things are going well. They have been averaging above 390 in training.

'But, we have to see how the others do on the day.'

Despite his caution, the team are capable of delivering a medal.

Their combined personal bests total 1,192 and would have been good for a silver at the 2002 Games - behind China (1,194).

The male counterparts - Ong Jun Hong, Zhang Jin and Jonathan Koh - will be setting their sights on glory.

The likes of China, Japan and South Korea will be the ones to beat at the Li Shooting Range. The trap competition also gets underway today.

Olympian Lee Wung Yew and teammates Choo Choon Seng and Mohamed Amat will be looking to get off to a good start in the men's qualification rou

In the pool at the Hamad Aquatic Centre, Joscelin Yeo and Tao Li will be looking to make a splash on the opening day of the swimming competition.

Both are entered in the first of the three heats in the morning, in the 100m butterfly.

In Busan, Yeo won a bronze in the event - the only medal from swimming.

And, of the five events the swimmers are participating in today, the 100m appears to be Singapore's best chance for a medal.

But head coach David Lim prefers to be cautious. He said: 'They will have to swim at their best to make the final.

'After that, it will depend on their form on the day.'

China's Zhou Yafei and Xu Yanwei and Japan's Yuko Nakanishi are the favourites.

Said Tao Li: 'It will be very close. The margin for error is very small.

'If your turn is not perfect, it will make a big difference.

'You can drop from first to sixth just like that.'

After a six-day wait, she is eager to get her first taste of the action.

She said: 'After a while, it gets a bit boring - waking up, going to the pool t  
train and returning to the Athletes' Village.

'I'm glad the Games are finally starting.'

Singapore's women's badminton team also start their campaign today.

They take on Thailand and Hong Kong at the Aspire Indoor Sports Hall.

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