

# AYG soccer team named

THE Football Association of Singapore yesterday finalised the Under-14 squad for the inaugural Asian Youth Games.

Captaining the 18-member team that was trimmed from an original squad of 30 will be Victoria School defender Jeffrey Adam Lightfoot.

Singapore Sports School striker Hanafi Akbar is expected to be the hosts' main threat upfront.

The AYG runs from June 29-July 7, but the football preliminaries will begin next Saturday.

Singapore have been given a bye to the second round by virtue of being hosts, and will begin their campaign on June 27. They will automatically move on to Group A in the second round, where they will face the preliminary-round winners of Groups A and C and the runners-up of Group B for a semi-final spot.

The matches will be at the Jalan Besar Stadium and several schools such as Temasek Polytechnic.

The preliminary stage will feature 14 countries in four groups - Gp A: Iran, Philippines, Taiwan, Kuwait; Gp B: South Korea, China, Myanmar, Pakistan; Gp C: Malaysia, North Korea, Thailand; Gp D: Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia and Laos.

Said Singapore coach David Sivalingam: "The AYG will be good preparation for next year's Youth Olympic Games. We just came back from Perth and had some good results there."

They beat Perth SC Under-15s 1-0, lost to Western Australian Under-15s 0-1, and drew with Western Australian Under-14s 0-0.

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## Singapore squad

**Goalkeepers:** Hamzah Fazil, Fashah Iskandar

**Defenders:** Dhukhilan Jeevamani, Amirul Iskandar, Izwan Rahman, Syazwan Radhi, Sunny Ng, Jeffrey Adam Lightfoot (capt)

**Midfielders:** Nurhidayat Rahim, Firdaus Sham, Ammirul Emmran Mazlan, Brandon Koh, Irfan Asyraf, Muhaimin Suhaimi,

**Forwards:** Hanafi Akbar, Jonathan Tan, Syazwan Zin, Adri Adnan

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