

Kathmundu, August 22: After topping the group, Bangladesh U15 will be look forward to the first semi-final of the SAFF U-15 Championship at the ANFA Complex, Kathmandu at 3:15 pm on Friday.

The U15 boys will rely on their forward duo of Faisal Ahmed Fahim and Miraj Molla to deliver a good result.

Parvez Babu, the coach of Bangladesh is ready to face the challenge. "Nepal is a strong opponent. As a result of them playing on their home soil, they will receive a huge boost through their supporters. They are familiar with the conditions and weather as well," said Babu.

"Each win motivated us to do better. While playing the last match against Bhutan, our players proved that Bhutan are not ahead of us, and strives to continue improving."

"The boys are raring to go out on the field and win the semis" said the former defender.

Nepal U15 coach Sunil Shreshta, however was confident of putting a good show. "We will improve our performance in the next game against Bangladesh."

"It would be a tough match as Bangladesh is a group winner. We must strengthen our defence to overcome the pressure of playing against them" said Sunil.

Earlier, Bangladesh reached the semifinal as group A champions with all-win record. They beat Bhutan by 3-0 goals and Sri Lanka by 4-0 goals in group affairs.

Bhutan was the group A runners-up with a 5-0 win over Sri Lanka.

India emerged as the champion of group B as they bested hosts Nepal by 2-1 goals and crushed Maldives by 9-0 goals.

Nepal was the runners up of group B as they outplayed Maldives 6-0.

The final will be held on Sunday (Aug 27) at ANFA Complex in Kathmandu.