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Day 7: RP Wins Four Golds Today

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Palembang—The Philippines men’s archery compound team, first double gold winner Iris Ranola, a mixed pair from bridge and judoka Nancy Quillotes gave four golds to the Philippine campaign today.

Individual event silver medal winner Earl Yap, Rosendo Sombrio, Jose Ferdinand Adriano, and youthful Delfin Anthony Adriano withstood the home ground edge of Indonesia in booking the first gold for archery.

Ranola’s 7-2 triumph in 9-ball singles should be bitter sweet as she had to accomplish it at the expense of fellow Filipina and silver medal Rubilen Amit, who had been struggling with her form in two events of women’s billiards.

In the cerebral card game of bridge, the mixed pair of Francisco Alquiros and Gemma Mariano Tan nailed the country’s second gold from one of three new sports in the SEAG list while George Soo and Mylene Encontro made it sweeter with the silver.

“Masayang masaya po ako,” Ranola said of her feelings after the win that was nearly negated by a recent incident of dehydration that caused her near collapse in her hotel room.

Adding the gold from Dennis Orcollo in men’s 8-ball, it was gold number three for billiards, which is running second to taekwondo in most number of gold medals contributed to the RP cause.

Extending her rule after the 2009 Laos Games, judoka Nancy Quillotes was her usual self in the final against Terry Kusumawardan in the 45kg division marking a strong start for the Filipinos.

Silver medals came from Jul Omar Abdulhakim in the class B 50-55 kgs weight class of the demanding combat sport of pencak silat and the rowing tandem of veterans Benjie Tolentino and 40 –year-old Jose Rodriguez in the M2X class.

Of the six medals in men and women’s golf, the Filipinos only claimed one—a bronze—courtesy of Dotie

Ardina in the individual event that also saw the fall of two-day co-leader Ruperto Zaragosa after he suffered from stomach trouble early in the final round.

Cyclist Mark Galeo picked up a silver medal in the massed start event while the women's squad of Michelle Bruzola, Harlene Orendain, Cristine Almas and Maria del Carmen Galves took bronze in the epee event of fencing.

Wrestling likewise contributed two bronze medals delivered by freestyle entries Jimmy Angana (66kg) and Jason Balabal, who won gold in Greco Roman (84kgs).

The baseball team blanked Indonesia, 4-0, to complete a four-game sweep of the qualifying round and formalize its entry in the Sunday final game where the RP clouters again face the hosts sure of at least silver and favoured for gold.

The men's and women's softball teams used a welcome day-off to prepare for Saturday's finals against Indonesian opponents enjoying the same luxuries as the RP baseball squad.

Django Bustamante won 9-3 over Ooi Fook Yuen of Malaysia in nine 9-ball pre-quarters.

The RP water polo team looks ripe for another silver medal finish, holding off Indonesia 10-9 to wind up its campaign with a 3-1 card while unbeaten Singapore is expected to win gold when it plays Malaysia Friday at the final day of the single round robin tourney.

Jundel Mazon gave additional hope from the felt tables by beating Ahmad Taufiq Murni of Brunei, 9-4, and advancing to the men's 9-ball quarterfinals. He next meets the hosts' Irsal Nasution in Friday's quarters.

In snooker singles, Rodolfo Lordan and Alvin Barbero made early exits.

Flyweight Rey Saludar won over Chanthasone Xayyaphone of Laos, 14-6, to join light-fly Alice Kate Aparri, pinweight Josie Gabuco and lightweight Charly Suarez in the semis. Light-welter Dennis Galvan fashioned a closer 12-1 squeaker over Azmi Khirakyazlan of Malaysia to join light-bantam Nesthy Petecio in the finals. Gabuco and Aparri take on separate opponents Friday in hopes of also making Saturday's all-finals.

In water ski, wakeboard bronze winner Samantha Bermudez kept her chase for the overall title alive by advancing to the semi-finals. Mark Griffin's own bid in the men's side was kept alive after he emerged from the last chance qualifying (LCQ) also entering Friday's round.

Rains forced a long delay in the start of soft tennis' team competitions Thursday, with organizers trying to squeeze in as many matches as possible in the evening but sure to finish only in a tight schedule from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

"There will be a 30-minute rest before the singles and then we'll try to play as many games as possible on to the next morning (Saturday)," related soft tennis association secretary-general Jovy Mamawal.

"It was also agreed to shorten the round robin competitions in the singles, grouping the teams into two groups and having the top two from each playing in the medal rounds," he added.




The downpour also delayed some matches in the nearby tennis courts, but not before the mixed doubles pair of Denise Dy and Treat Huey won their pre-quarter match as did Jeson Patrombon and Cecil Mamiit in singles.

Singapore's Lim Chun Kiat, 4-0, and Barbero bowed to Vietnam's Phan Hoan, 4-3.

Medal Tally for 26th SEA Games November 17, 2011

	 Gold	 Silver	 Bronze	Overall Medal
Indonesia	101	77	73	251
Vietnam	66	63	64	193
Thailand	63	55	67	185
Malaysia	35	33	50	118
Singapore	32	35	54	121
Philippines	19	33	40	92
Lao PDR	6	5	22	33
Cambodia	2	7	9	18
Myanmar	3	13	20	36
Brunei Darussalam	0	1	6	7
Timor Leste	0	0	1	1
Grand Total	328	325	411	1064

RP Medals as of November 17, 2011

	 Gold	 Silver	 Bronze	Total Medal
Taekwondo	4	3	5	12
Billiard & Snooker	3	2	1	6
Athletics	2	9	5	16
Wrestling	2	2	2	6
Bridge	2	1	1	4
Bowling	1	2	1	4
Archery	1	2	0	3
Rowing	1	1	1	3
Fencing	1	0	1	2
Judo	1	0	0	1
Wall Climbing	1	0	0	1
Swimming	0	2	5	7
Cycling	0	2	3	5
Diving	0	2	1	3
Chess	0	2	1	3
Karate-Do	0	1	6	7
Pencak Silat	0	1	3	4
Tennis	0	1	1	2
Golf	0	0	1	1
Table Tennis	0	0	1	1
Water Ski	0	0	1	1
Grand Total	19	33	40	92