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## Day 8: More Silvers and Bronzes

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Palembang—Filipino soft netters and the mixed butler's team of bridge won silvers on the eighth day of the 26th SEA Games.

In soft tennis, it was the quintet of Joseph Arcilla, Giovanni Pietro Mamawal Samuel Noguit, Jomar Arcilla and Mikoff Manduriao that won silver honors. At the bridge table, Francisco Alquiros, Gemma Mariano Tan, George Soo, Mylene Encontro, Victoria Egan and Allen Tan made silver, missing the gold by a hairline against their Thai counterparts.

Bronze came aplenty thanks to the men's sabre fencing team of Walbert Mendoza, gold medallist in the singles, Giancarlo Nocom, Eric Brando II, wakeboard squad of Samantha Bermudez, Carlo de la Torre and Mark Griffith, and Efren "Bata" Reyes and Reynaldo Grandea in 3 cushion carom of billiards, and judokas Jelou Mosqueda, Helen Dawa, and Dennis Catipon. The fourth judo entry, Daryl Lucero, could not continue due to a knee injury.

In various venues of Palembang, Rey Francisco "Django" Bustamante likewise marched to the semi final round with a 9-7 win over Vietnam's Nguyen Anh Tuan, 9-7 and female boxer Alice Kate Aparri beat Indonesia's Seli Wanimbo, 18-8, to advance to the final round of the light fly division.

Pinweight Josie Gabuco also made the finals after beating Pricilla Aprilyeni of Indonesia, 20-9. Also in the finals of the women division is light bantam Nesty Petecio.

Bad news came from the cycling venue in West Java where two Filipino-American riders were disqualified after Thailand and Malaysia filed a rather late protest and in the basketball court of Jakarta where the Filipinas, bugged by a critical bad call, lost to Thailand, 75-73 in overtime.

RP officials will protest the disqualification of the bikers who carry Philippine passports and were accepted at the accreditation phase of the Games. Analysts say the RP BMX riders would have given us two more golds had they been allowed to compete.

The men's basketball team in Jakarta looked very much like a champion after beating Malaysia, 103-74 in the semi final round and will meet either Indonesia or Thailand in the final on Sunday.

In lawn tennis, where most of the matches were postponed due to the heavy rains, Threat Huey and Cecil Mamiit advanced to the quarter final of the doubles via 2-6, 7-5, 10-6 decision over Indonesia's Aditya Hary Sason and David Agung Susanto. Mamiit rallied to beat Thailand's Kittiphong Watchiramanowong. 3-6,6-3,6-3 to advance to the semis of the singles.

Grandmaster Wesley So and FIDE Woman Master Rulp Ylem Jose beat their respective rivals to keep their top spots in individual standard chess.

So beat Malaysia's Liew Chee Meng for a 2.0 total and a tie at first with the hosts' Susanto Megaranto, half-a-point ahead of Vietnamese GM Nguyen Thi May Hung, while Jose upended top seed WIM Irene Sukandar of Indonesia for 2.0 points and the pace in the distaff side.

Oliver Barbosa and Catherine Perena also kept within striking distance of the leaders after four rounds of individual rapid chess.

Barbosa went an even 1-1 for the day for 3.5 points and a tie for second with Indonesia's Hamdani Rudin, just half-a-point behind leader and top seed Le Qang Liem of Vietnam. GM Joey Antonio has 3.0 points.

Perena also split her two matches for 3.5 points and a tie for second, a point behind leader Pham Le Thao Nguyen of Vietnam.