

A bittersweet day

Ezuan wins gold but Hassanul qualifies for Games

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PETALING JAYA: National shooter Mohd Ezuan Nasir Khan broke the national record en route to the gold medal but it was Mohd Hassanul Adzhar Mohd Badrin who hogged the limelight in the men's 50m rifle prone event in the Selangor Open Shooting Championships at the Subang Shooting Range.

The 23-year-old Hassanul was in sizzling form as he registered a personal best of 594 points in the qualifying rounds to book his ticket to the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in July.



Spot-on: Mohd Hassanul Adzhar Mohd Badrin in action during the Selangor Open Shooting Championships at the Subang Shooting Range yesterday. — S.S.KANESAN / The Star

among eight siblings, said that he was thrilled to have improved on his personal best and qualify for his first Commonwealth Games.

"I am following in my sister's (Siti Nur Masitah) footsteps. She won a silver medal in the 25m sport pistol event in last month's Myanmar SEA Games," said Hassanul, who holds the Malaysia Games (Sukma) record of 592 points in the 50m rifle prone event set in Malacca in 2010.

"I want to thank my sister for encouraging me to take up the sport nine years ago. But I could not

maintain my form in the final," said Hassanul, who is pursuing a degree in Human Resource Development at UPM.

The 25-year-old Ezuan, of Kuala Lumpur, said that he never expected to break the national record after his disappointing outing in the SEA Games last month.

"I finished a poor 15th in the same event. But I'm glad that I overcame the disappointment by setting a national record. It will inspire me to keep improving to qualify for the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games," he said.

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The qualifying mark is 592 points, which is the sixth-placed finish at the New Delhi Games in 2010.

However, Hassanul, who is busy with his Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) examinations, failed to maintain his good form in the final as he only managed a score of 118.5 points to finish sixth.

Armed Forces' Ezuan, who finished sixth in the qualifying rounds with a score of 587, stole the show in the final as he shattered the national record with a personal best of 206.2 points to erase the previous mark of 204.5 points set by Hisyam Adzha of Perak last June.

Hassanul, who is the youngest

Results

RESULTS

MEN

25m centre fire pistol individual: 1. Khalid Abdullah (For) 571, 2. Uew Tack Fai (Mal) 568, 3. Mohd Ridhuan Mohamed (For) 562.

50m rifle prone individual: 1. Mohd Ezuan Nasir Khan (For) 206.2 (nat. rec), 2. Mohd Sharul Sahak (Joh) 204.8, 3. Nik Mohd Atimullah (Joh) 204.8.

Team: Pahang 1750, 2. Armed Forces 1748.

WOMEN

10m air pistol individual: 1. Bibiana Ng Pei Chin (Pol) 195.3, 2. Siau Cuii (Pri) 192.9, 3. Najaa Syairah Mahyudin (Sel) 171.5.

Team: 1. Police 1106 (won on countback), 2. Pahang 1106, 3. Selangor 1098.

50m rifle prone individual: 1. Nur Sunyani Mohd Taibi (For) 594 (won on countback), 2. Nor Ayuni Farhana Abdul Halim (Pah) 594, 3. Muslifah Zulkifli (For) 591.

Team: 1. Armed Forces 1771, 2. Pahang 1761.

3. Terengganu 1729.

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BOYS'

25m sport pistol individual: 1. Safi Sallim (Ter) 571, 2. Abdul Aziz Abdul Ma

561, 3. Choo Wen Yan (Joh) 560.

Team: 1. Pahang 1676, 2. Terengganu

50m rifle prone individual: 1. Nik Mal Atimullah Supardi (Joh) 588, 2. Zul Ha (kul) 587, 3. Mohd Irfi Othman (Nse) 587.

Team: 1. Pahang 1727.

GIRLS'

10m air pistol individual: 1. Najaa Mahyudin (Sel) 368 (won on countback)

Nazirah Ishak (Pah) 368, 3. Siau Cuii (P) 368.

Team: 1. Selangor 1098, 2. Pahang, 3. Perak 1098.

50m rifle prone individual: 1. Nur Zulkifli (Sel) 588 (won on countback), 2. Aesyah Kamillah (Ter) 588, 3. Nur Afifah (Pah) 585.

Team: 1. Pahang 1745, 2. Terengganu 1729.