

# Johnathan shoots down record but not the gold

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**SUBANG:** There was joy and sorrow for pistol shooter Johnathan Wong Guanjie in the Tun Hanif Trophy at the Subang Shooting Range.

The Singapore SEA Games silver medallist rewrote his own national record in the men's 10m air pistol event with a personal best of 585 points to finish first among 60 shooters in the qualifying round yesterday morning.

His previous best of 583 was set at the national championships last October.

His joy soon turned to sorrow when he failed to maintain his form in the final – managing only fourth placing with a total of 155.0 points.

Johor enjoyed a 1-2 finish when Eddy Chew (198.8pts) took the gold and Ifwat Abqari Mohd Isa (195.4pts) the silver.

Selangor's Rishipal Singh Dhanoa (173.7pts) settled for the bronze.

The 23-year-old Johnathan was clearly annoyed with his inconsistency.

"I was in top form in the qualifying round and broke the record ... so I was expecting to win the final.

"I failed to finish on the podium because of my own mistakes," said Johnathan, who is pursuing a degree in aerospace engineering at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

The 20-year-old Eddy, who only managed 570 points to finish third in qualifying, did not expect to win gold due to a lack of training.

"I didn't train for the last one month as the National Sports Council (NSC) shooting range was undergoing renovation.

"I'm surprised to win the gold. It feels great to win the event after missing out on the medals in the World University Games (in Gwangju, South Korea) in July when I finished fourth in the 10m air pistol event," said Eddy, who also finished fourth in both the 10m air pistol and 50m pistol events at the Singapore SEA Games in June.

Eddy also won the gold in the 10m air pistol event in the SportExcel-NSC-Milo-NSAM yesterday.



**Mixed outcome:** Johnathan Wong Guanjie (left) broke his own national 10m air pistol record in qualifying but it was Eddy Chew (right) who won the event in the Tun Hanif Trophy at the Subang Shooting Range yesterday. — AZLINA ABDULLAH / The Star

## RESULTS

### MEN

**10m air pistol individual:** 1. Eddy Chew (Joh) 198.8, 2. Ifwat Abqari Mohd Isa (Joh) 195.4, 3. Rishipal Singh Dhanoa (Sel) 173.7.

**Team:** 1. Johor 1703, 2. Perak 1691, 3. Selangor 1682.

**25m standard pistol individual:** 1. Khairul Azri Roslan (For) 550, 2. Hasli Izwan Amir Hasan (Prk) 548, 3. Mohd Ridwan Awaluddin (Pah) 544.

**Team:** 1. Perak 1601, 2. Armed Forces 1575.

### SportExcel-NSC-Milo-NSAM competition

#### BOYS

**10m air pistol individual:** 1. Eddy Chew (Joh)

570, 2. Tan Tong Tat (Sel) 566, 3. Rishipal Singh Dhanoa (Sel) 564.

**Team:** 1. Selangor 1682, 2. Johor 1681, 3. Perak 1654.

**25m standard pistol individual:** 1. Mohd Ridwan Awaluddin (Pah) 544, 2. Siau Zianyi (Prk) 531, 3. Nik Muhamad Luqman Nik Omar (Ter) 527.

**50m rifle three positions individual:** 1. Mohd Lutfi Othman (Nse) 1156, 2. Zul Haziq Rosli (Kul) 1143, 3. Ahmad Kusyairi Abdul Razak (Prk) 1126.

**Team:** 1. Perak 3312, 2. Selangor 3270.