

JONATHAN STEALS THE THUNDER

Shooter outshines
Rio Olympics
champ Xuan Vinh
to bag gold

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JONATHAN Wong recorded the biggest success of his career when he upstaged Rio Olympics champion Hoang Xuan Vinh of Vietnam for the men's 50m pistol

gold medal in the Southeast Asia (SEASA) Shooting Championships in Subang yesterday.

The 25-year-old posted a 226.50 series in the final for the title, followed by Myanmar's Ye Tun Naung (224.40) and Vietnam's Tran Quoc Cuong (201.80).

Xuan Vinh unexpectedly finished fifth on 163.70.

Jonathan, who made his Olympic debut in Rio, also led Malaysia to the team gold. The trio of Jonathan, Eddy Chew and

Choo Wen Yan recorded 1,650 points, followed by Vietnam (1,638).

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Xuan Vinh won the 10m air pistol event and took bronze in the 50m pistol discipline at last year's Rio Olympics.

“It is fulfilling to upstage an Olympic champion but I think Xuan Vinh was not at his best today,” said a modest Jonathan at Subang Shooting Range yesterday.

“The win is not a sign that I

can win the Sea Games gold in this event but it has certainly given me the confidence for the Kuala Lumpur edition.”

Lufti Othman, 23, won the 10m air rifle event with 245.30 points

“It is a huge motivation as I did not expect it,” said Lufti who will compete in the 50m prone and three position events in the coming days.

RESULTS – Men's 10m air rifle: 1 Lufti Othman (Mas) 245.30 pts, 2 Sng Jian Hui (Sin) 220.20, 3 Chen Chun-an (Tai) 200.50;

Team: 1 Singapore 1,846.10, 2 Vietnam 1,843.90.

50m pistol: 1 Jonathan Wong Guanjie (Mas) 226.50, 2 Ye Tun Naung (Mya) 224.40, 3 Tran Quoc Cuong (Vie) 201.80;

Team: 1 Malaysia 1,650, 2 Vietnam 1,638, 3 Singapore 1,621.

Women's 25m pistol: 1 Pham Thi Ha (Vie) 29, 2 Nicole Tan Ling Chiao (Sin) 26, 3 Siti Nur Masitah Badrin (Mas) 19.

Team: 1 Malaysia 1,722, 2 Singapore 1,721, 3 Vietnam 1,700.

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GIANT KILLER JONATHAN

MELAKA'S Jonathan Wong shot down Vietnam's Rio Olympic champion Hoang Xuan Vinh yesterday to stake a strong claim for the men's 50m pistol gold in the KL Sea Games in August.

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