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## Eastern Visayas wins Ms. SCUAA 2015 title; Bicol's bet is Mr. SCUAA 2015



By Melou Darilag and Steve Malana

Eastern Visayas bet, Maria Gaile Tobes, won the Ms. SCUAA 2015 title and Bicol's contender, Leonard Mateos, bagged the Mr. SCUAA 2015 title during the coronation night held yesterday at the Cagayan State University Andrews Gymnasium, Tuguegarao City.

Tobes, 20, and Mateos, also 20, seized the crown, besting young women and men from 12 regions.

Of the 12 women, those who made it to the top 5 were Rose Anne Petero (Central Luzon), 4th runner-up, Nikka Joyce M. Penolio (Bicol), 3rd runner-up, Christille Marie R. Medalle (Central Visayas), 2nd runner-up, and Janielle Fajardo (Southern Tagalog), 1st runner-up.

Rounding up the top 5 in the men division were Ilocos' John Jacobe, 4th runner-up, CAR's Chris John Belgica, 3rd runner-up, NCR's Christian Padilla, 2nd runner-up, and Central Luzon's Renz Maun, 1st runner-up.

### Question and Answer Portion

During the question and answer portion, Tobes, who was proclaimed Ms. Photogenic, Best in Swimwear and Best in Cocktail Dress, was asked "How can you concretize this year's theme: one vision, one roadmap and one response through sports?"

Tobes answered: "Our theme connotes that through sports we can attain unity. Unity must come first from ourselves so we can spread this to the community."

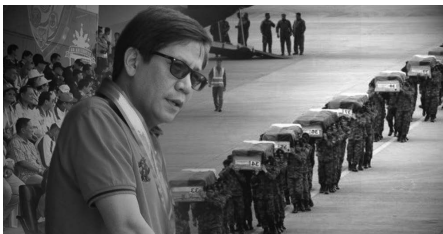
"This can be concretized by doing things through sports, by involving oneself to sports and by showing people how sports can mold me, transform me, affect me, and mold me."

"If people will see that, they will automatically follow. As a beauty queen, I have the power to

Miss Eastern Visayas Maria Gaile Tobes and Mr. Bicol Leonard Mateos were crowned Ms. and Mr. SCUAA 2015, beating out 12 other regional contestants. (Photos courtesy of Ferdinand Soriano)

## Athletes, coaches, officials join Romulo in moment of silence for 'Fallen 44'

By Ian Roger Francisco and Raymon Dullana



Romulo leads a 44-second silent prayer during the opening of the National SCUAA 2015 Olympics at the Cagayan Sports Complex.

Athletes, coaches and heads of delegations attending the National State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA) 2015 Olympics joined Pasig Lone District Rep. Roman Romulo in silent prayer in honor of the 44 members of PNP's Special Action Force slain in the infamous Mamasapano encounter in Maguindanao province.

Before starting what he prepared to say, Congressman Romulo, who was invited as guest of honor at the opening of the Olympics on Sunday, asked everyone to stand and spend

a 44-second silence in solidarity with the "Fallen 44."

"Before we start our National SCUAA (2015 Olympics), may I ask you to observe 44 seconds of silence in commemoration for (sic) our uniformed personnel, our 44 fallen heroes," said the congressman, who is chair of the

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The finalists of the Ms. and Mr. SCUAA 2015 enjoy the moment after their names were called to complete the top 5. (Photos courtesy of Ferdinand Soriano)

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# Pagbilao posts 18-12-3 as R2 beats Central Visayas

By Michael Lavadia, Arlene Ilarde and Mary Rose Marvas

When the people of Tuguegarao were already up on their feet yelling and cheering, the visiting Region 7 should have known what the host region crowd could do to change the course of the game.

They didn't see it coming.

Julius Pagbilao, who took off from the crowd's cheers after his teammate Jayson Balisi converted back-to-back 3-pointers in the late part of the 3rd quarter, exploded for 18 markers, 12 rebounds and 3 authoritative blocks en route to an 88-77 win against Central Visayas.

Prior to a 30-point third quarter team explosion, Jayson Balisi heaved and made a half-court shot just a couple of seconds after the end of the third quarter that gave the spectators a reason to start roaring even though the shot didn't count.

With the crowd on its side and with Central Visayas star Agustino Noay and Vicente Colina fouled out of the game, Region 2 took advantage of the situation outscoring Region 7 in the last quarter, 31-17, behind Ruben Malana's 11-point blast and Pagbilao's 5 boards.

Cagayan Valley started poor in the first half going field goal-less in the last 4 minutes of the second quarter that limited them to only 9 2nd-quarter points.

Region 2 managed to get back to the game despite a poor-shooting day by star Rafael Camara who converted only 3 field goals out

of 16 attempts.

Malana came to the rescue and finished with a game-high 22 points, while Balisi contributed 13 points including 3/4 shooting from beyond the arc.

Also, the host Region outrebounded the visiting region in the second half 30:12 to control and seize the game.

Meanwhile, Noay finished with team-high 20 points for Central Visayas. Nico Dinoy and Paul Arnold Ragay contributed 15 markers each.

Team Cagayan captured its first win in Bracket C, while Region 7 players are on a two-game losing skid.

## R02 tweaks past R07 in lawn tennis

By Bernadeth Heralde and Rosemarie Batang

Region 02 beat Region 07 in Lawn Tennis men's Single.

Ferdinand Domingo proved too strong for Nino Ritz Remonde as he won the first match in Lawn Tennis Court 2, CSU Carig, yesterday.

The ace of R02 came through 6-5 in 27 minutes.

Domingo made a blistering start racing into 2-1 on the third set.

It was Remonde who hauled back breaks to force a tie break, 5-5 then suddenly a rally took place for some seconds ending up in Domingo's favor.

Domingo celebrated his victory by throwing his racquet into the air and a hand shake to his opponent.

Meanwhile, in women's doubles division, NCR eased lead over Region 4 with a score of 6-5 in the first game.

Elmira Pagot and Frances Espinosa moved into 3-0 lead but saw the advantage wiped out when a rejuvenated Grace Melchor and Jhac Fernandez strung 2 points in sixth set giving them a score of 4-2.

Then, on the final set, there was a tie break between the two teams that ended up 5-6 in favor of NCR.

In an interview, Pagot and Espinosa said that teamwork was their key for winning the game.

Moreover, in Men's Doubles Division game, R2 again bagged the match 6-5 as Jae Diongson and Ronald Garcia showed their powerful defenses against their opponent, R7.

On the other hand, in women's Singles Division, R7 won over R10 with a score of 6-4.

Also, in Men's Doubles Division Second game, ARMM beat R8 with a score of 6-3.

ARMM nailed R8, garnering 3 consecutive points giving the latter a love score.

In between the game, R8 eased to get point and fortunately got 3 but then, the ARMM showed up no pity and nailed R8 again, leaving a score of 6-3.

Furthermore, in the second game of Men's Single Division between ARMM and R08 in, ARMM again captured victory after beating R8 with a score of 6-3.



Southern Tagalog softballers wear happy faces after their first win. (Photos courtesy of authors)

## Region 4 stuns Region 9, 11-9

By Rochelle Nonato and Alyssa Faith Chua

Region 4 forced a sixth inning in Men's Softball, game 2 bracket D as Jhon Paul Golla delivered a late home-run to end the high hopes of Region 8 in the State Universities and Colleges Athletes Association (SCUAA) 2015 National Olympics, Feb. 9.

The first inning deemed dangerous for R4 after R8 took an early lead, 6-1.

R4 made no room for error as they initiated the heated fourth inning to snatch the lead from R8, 3-1.

R4 and R8 went head-to-head during the fifth and last inning that made the game call for a draw, 7-7.

R4 lost its composure as R8 held the last bat, yet they failed to score, giving a chance for the

Southern Tagalog extending the game to six innings.

With the game 7-7 apiece, Golla delivered a home-run for a come-from-behind victory.

According to Mr. Jeremy Atterado, R4 coach, both opposing teams are good, but they needed to stick to the game for them to win.

"There's passion and composure even under pressure," he added.

Meanwhile, NCR outbatted R01, 7-2, game 1 bracket A. R2 made their way to glory beating R7, 7-0, game 2 bracket C. NCR beat R12 in game 3 bracket A, 2-0.

Moreover, R6 blanked R9 in game 1 bracket B, 3-0. R3 threw off R9 in game 2 bracket B, 7-0.

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committee on higher and technical education at the House of Representatives.

Then, everyone in the stadium and in the oval stood and bowed their heads for silent prayer under cloudy skies to remember the lives lost.

He afterward thanked everyone for that short moment of paying respects to the slain commandos, two of whom are Cagayanos, one from Cattagaman, Tuguegarao City, the other from Piat town.

The solon later continued his speech, where he described the athletes present as the future members of Gilas Pilipinas and Azcals and who may follow the steps of the pound-for-pound king, Manny Pacquiao.

### CORRECTION:

On page 4 of our first issue, we ran a story titled "Region 6 edges Region 9 in Sepak Takraw, 2-1" written by Sarah Jane Redoble. We erred in writing region 9 instead of region 11. We apologize for the error. -Ed.



## NCR shines over 12 regions

By Jennievah Baribad and Divine Grace Tungcul

National Capital Region (NCR) topped the Table Tennis Tournament elimination round for both men and women division guided by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rules and regulations.

Through six matches with two sets of game from singles and doubles category, NCR ruled the game with the total of 12 points over Regions 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

Myrna Abarro, one of the players of NCR, won over Region 8.

Abarro emerged victorious against her opponent, Renalyn Estrada of Region 8, through her fast aggressive topspin stroke.

Estrada struck the ball well to snatch points over Abarro, but, unfortunately, Abarro blocked the attacks and began to punch her opponent.

The game took five rounds before Abarro was proclaimed winner with 3-2 and row points of 11-9.

From double category, the tandem of Kristel Mariz Oria and Loraine Cayetano, both players of NCR, gave their punch through four regions with the score of 4 wins and 0 loss.

And for men's division, NCR and Region 10 bagged the reigning points.

NCR also got 6 points over three regions, namely, Regions 2, 10 and 4.

Abarro said "Sobrang saya po namin, kasi sa history ng NCR women never pa kaming nagtop sa bracket ng elimination round."

"We will make sure that what we have started will be continued as we reach the championship round," Abarro added.

Region 1 ranked second, Region 8 ranked 3rd and Region 6 garnered 4th place in the women category in the initial tally.

For men's division, Region 10 garnered 2nd place with five points with Mark Tapitan in singles category and Mildred Barrientos and Jayson Paña in doubles category.

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encourage people to be involved to advocacy and vision of any university."

The host quizzed Mateos: "As a student, how can you harness national unity through sports?"

Chosen as Mr. Body Beautiful and Mr. Infinita, this English senior at the Bicol University retorted quickly: "As a student, I could harness national unity through sports by achieving and following the four pillars of national ASEAN integration. The four pillars are human development, social cultural identity, economic progress and regional peace and security."

"The first pillar is Human development. It is all about developing our physical selves for us to appreciate one another."

"Social and cultural identity. We are diverse. The Philippine archipelago is composed of 7107 islands. Each has a different culture and festival. Because of unity, we are united into one symbolism."

"Third is economic progress for betterment improvement of life of people."

Regional Peace and Security. If the aforementioned are achieved, then, we can achieve security in the Philippines. And that is how I can appreciate the national beauty."

**Thank you's**

In a message posted on his Facebook account, Mateos thanked God, the Tuguegarao folk, his fellow Bicolanos, and everyone who helped him bring home the crown.

His message read: "Thank you, God for another blessing! God is really good all the time."

"Thank you so much to all the people who

supported me. If it wasn't for you, guys, I wouldn't win this. No words can describe how grateful I am right now."

"Thank you to the people of Tuguegarao, Cagayan Valley for the warmest welcome. These memories will never be forgotten. Mabbalo po!"

"To all my fellow Bicolanos, this one's for you all! To all the people who never stopped believing in me, Dios mabalos po saindo gabos!"

In an interview, Tobes, a veterinary medicine student of the University of Eastern Visayas, said she did not expect she would be crowned Ms. SCUAA because people perceive her as "boyish."

Like Mateos, Tobes, who was surprised by her parents last night, also expressed her gratitude to the people of Tuguegarao for the warm welcome and to her fellow candidates for the friendship built.

**Minor Awards, Judges, Hosts, Performers, and Organizers**

Penolio got the Ms. Body Beautiful award.

Best in Swim Wear went to Maun, who was also adjudged Best in Sports Wear, Best in Formal Wear and Mr. Congeniality.

Judges declared Petero as Ms. Congeniality and NCR's Donna Jae Ciel Palacios as having the Best in Sports Wear.

The official decision was made by the eight-person judging panel that included Marx Topacio, Lancer Serrano, Nicole Manalo, Lito Trinidad, Zahara Mae Soriano, June Macasaet, Ervin David, and Juliana Flores.

Mr. World 2013 Andrew Wolff and Binibining Pilipinas finalist Emma Tiglaro hosted the event which included the performances of Serrano and La Diva's Jonalyn Viray.

Dr. Chita Ramos, dean of the College of Human Kinetics, chaired the organizing committee of the event with Maxie Umoso and Jaypee Alegado as assistants.

## Why are beauty pageants valued in the Philippines?

By Kristine Joyce L. De Leon

Have you ever noticed the growing number of spas, massage centers, beauty parlors and the likes in the country? This, according to sociologists, is a representation of Filipino value on beauty and youthful living. Apart from valuing tradition, family, faith in God, compassion, debt of gratitude, hospitality and nationalism, we, Filipinos also value beauty. Our concept of beauty is rooted in the country's history. We cannot deny the fact that the long years of Spanish and American colonization have deeply rooted and ingrained effects on our culture.

Beauty pageants, according to researches, present women as symbols of national pride. Women perform gendered notions that define femininity as part of national identity. The image of the beautiful, proper woman is constructed as a symbol of national pride, power and modernity. In the past, women are associated with the private sphere, however, beauty pageants involve the performance of women in the public space. This, somehow liberates women and allows for the reversal of traditional gender hierarchies. Through public performances such as beauty pageants, women make claims to the

(public) space and the nation or community.

Moreover, beauty pageants showcase values of morality, gender and place. It involves the competition of idealized femininity and contain political issues. Individuals are chosen to represent the values and goals of the nation or group. It likewise provides opportunities for public expression and negotiation of standards and values. Local beauty pageants such as the Search for Mr. and Ms. SCUAA contribute to notions of cultural pride as the candidates must be a model representation of their native cultural essence.

Since its inception, the nature of beauty pageant has shifted according to its historical context; the pageant was wholeheartedly embraced for its role in upholding certain traditional norms of gender and femininity.

Although many believe that beauty pageants are outdated and consequently of little social significance, some researches argue that pageants are important and uphold critical ideals that are central to our cultural beliefs and practices. Beauty pageants represent a very deliberate and particular version of femininity, one that upholds national identity, which serves to symbolize the cultural core of the nation. Beauty pageants are not just about physical beauty. They, too, seek to construct and perpetuate "an image of the ideal attitude of femininity."



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# Region 7 advances to quarter finals



FIRST BLOOD. Region 7 spikers go for the kill during their first beach volley win. (Photos courtesy of the authors)

By Ma. Aiza delos Reyes and Donnabelle Maquimot

One of the many sports competitions for SCUAA 2015 taking place in the grounds of CSU Carig is the Men and Women's Beach Volleyball Tournament. Each region is represented by a pair of their best beach volleyball players.

In men's division, Region 7 completed a 2-0 sweep yesterday to qualify for the quarter finals after going flawless in two games against regions 12 and 6 in games 2 and 6, respectively.

It did not come easy for the young rookie tandem of Charles Kenneth Espinosa and Reyden Garrate as they needed to battle the tandems of Jonel Guillen and Rowel Demalaluan of Region 6 in game 6.

The first set was a close fight between the two teams that led to 3 deuces and ended in favor of Region VI, 27-25.

On the first half of the second set, Region 7 heated up and wisely made use of Western Visayas' service errors to pull the second set away, 21-15.

## R3, ARMM on 2-game winning streak

By Janice Joy S. Balanza

After defeating Eastern Visayas yesterday to open its National SCUAA campaign, the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) once again pulled off another victory this time against the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to lead other teams in Bracket C of Women's Volleyball game.

The Central Luzon team is also looking sharp as it recorded its 2nd straight win over Southern Tagalog after upsetting Region 2, 3-1 in Bracket B.

ARMM swept the CAR with 6 point lead on the first set, 8 on the second, then 5 point lead in the last set, 25-19, 25-17, 25-20.

On the other hand, after losing the first set and having two injured teammates, Central Luzon nipped Southern Tagalog in a head to head play with the score of 3-1.

The first set was a close fight that caused a deuce but Southern Tagalog prevailed, 26-24.

Region 7 carried their momentum heading to the deciding set as they unleashed an early lead off service aces.

Region VI threatened to bounce back but Region 7's defenses and spikes proved too difficult for the tandem to counter, 20-15.

"It is a tough game for my players because they were amateurs and it is expected that there are many outstanding players. Hopefully, we shall make it in the finals," Dwight Esenio Sun, Region 7 coach said in an interview.

Meanwhile, in Women's division, game 1 to 6, Region 6 won over ARMM, 2-0; Region 4 won over Region, 2-0; Region 5 won over Region 13, 2-0; Region 2 won over Region 9, 2-0; ARMM won over Region 10, 2-0; and Region 7 won over Region 4, 2-1.

In Men's division, game 1 to 5, Region 9 won over Region 10, 2-0; Region 7 won over Region 12, 2-0; Region 3 won over Region 2, 2-0; NCR won over Region 4; and Region 5 won over Region 10, 2-0.

The 2nd set even became intense, but Region 03 capitalized on opponents' service errors to tie the game, 25-22.

On the third set, defensive lapses put Southern Tagalog in trouble, providing a room for Central Luzon to execute its plays and grab the W, 25-23.

Meanwhile, Region 9 of bracket C won over Region 6, 3-1 in the third game of the Volleyball women, and NCR upset R1, 3-1.

## Region 3 escapes past NCR, 3-2

By Denmark Orita and Rochelle Nera

Central Luzon escaped past highly favored National Capital Region (NCR) in the third game of volleyball men's division bracket D of the National SCUAA 2015 Olympics, 3-2.

Region III needed a decision set after a fourth-set comeback by NCR spikers to join other teams in the winning column.

Region 3 battled head-to-head against NCR right on the get-go as it needed an extension to take the first set, 27-25.

NCR gave a dose of its own medicine in the second set limiting Region 3 to only 12 points.

In the third set, Region 3 lost a player when David Evangelista has his right leg sprained but the spikers managed to hold off their rivals through defense and relentless attacks, 25-14.

NCR bounced back to tie the match, 25-17 in the fourth set.

Region 3's defense tightened up in the deciding set, killing three hits from NCR to finally steal the game, 15-12.

Ernest Esteban, the team captain, expressed his joy when asked about how they felt about their victory.

"Masaya kami kasi unang laro naming ito sa bracket at ngayong National SCUAA," the captain shared.

## Regions V, VI top chess tournament round 1



Players examine each move their opponents make during the game. (Photos courtesy of the author)

Cagayan State University Carig Library - Region V and VI displayed their analytical prowess in the chess battle field in the first round of both Chess Men's and Women's division, Feb. 8.

Western Visayas representatives outsmarted their counterparts from the host region Cagayan Valley winning all four boards in Men's category.

On the other hand, Bicol region outmaneuvered Eastern Visayas in women's division after reaping a four to nothing mark.

Meanwhile, delegates from Cagayan Valley, Region IV and National Capital Region and Bicol region topped the 2nd round in men and women's division. By Xandra Louise Rabanal

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