

R10 eliminates R9, gets Q'final slot

By Michael Lavadia and Arlene Ilarde

Eastern Mindanao Region will live another day on the hard court after cruising past neighbor Western Mindanao yesterday in a do-or-die encounter of Men's Basketball Bracket B at the Tuguegarao City People's Gymnasium, 106-90.

Region 10 used balanced offense for the entire game with four players in double figures led by Julius Murillo who totaled a game-high 31 points including a 9-15 (60%) shooting from 3-point region to end R9's basketball campaign.

Region 10 hoopers survived a 27-8 thirdquarter onslaught by Region 9, and then, they mounted a huge comeback late in the last period to secure themselves a quarterfinal slot.

R10 started off the first period hot making 7 3-point conversions and complementing the shoot-out with defensive dominance to give them a double-digit advantage, 37-26.

Region 9 could barely keep up in the second quarter despite rotation changes allowing R10 to score 29 more points, 66-47.

R10 players, however, could not ride on their momentum heading to the 2nd half as they faltered defensively that opened the door wide for R9 to put up a 20-2 run which gave it its first



Coach Edgardo Dacoco of Eastern Mindanao assembles his players to offer a prayer after securing one of two quarterfinal spots in Bracket B of SCUAA Men's Basketball . (Photo courtesy of authors)

lead for the entire game, 75-74.

Both team exchanged baskets in the opening of the fourth quarter but R10 pulled away in the last 2 minutes with Karth Carl Hinlo hitting 2 clutch daggers to help his team get the W, 106-90

Hinlo finished with 21 points in the game.

Gaspar Macasa contributed 17 markers and 6 blocks, while Romwil Carl Valle added 10 points and 8 dimes.

Meanwhile, Karlo Orabe, Jerom Ferrer, Kadra Usman and Derham Alam of Western Mindanao recorded 25, 20, 15, and 15, respectively.

Beauty queen's greatest surprise ever



Tobes becomes emotional as she says she didn't expect her mom would show up at her coronation.

By Melou Darilag

Have you ever been surprised before? Maria Gaile Tobes, Ms. National SCUAA 2015, received the greatest surprise of her life during the coronation night on Monday, the second day of the National SCUAA 2015 Olympics.

It was the most memorable night of her life not only because she got the most coveted title, but also because she was surprised by the

NCR downs Davao in Sepak Takraw

By Sarah Jane Redoble and Manases A. Lacambra y Melou Darilag

The National Capital Region (NCR) beat the Davao in the Bracket A of sepak takraw elimination round on the second day of National SCUAA 2015 Olympics, 2-0.

NCR's Mark Joseph Gonzales and Marvin Zararillo proved to be a problem for team Davao as it could not counter the former's game plan.

In the afternoon, the NCR, also in bracket A game, triumphed against Western Visayas with the score of 2-1 because of Gonzales' unstoppable cartwheel and blockings.

Meanwhile, in bracket D game, Region 10 dominated Region 7 after scoring 2-0 in the elimination round.

In the first set, both teams played spectacular, showing off defensive and offensive skills enough to capture the attention of the crowd.

However, in the final set, Agcopra of region 10 dispatched a cartwheel and flashed relentless attacks that led them to their win. In bracket B game, Region 5 won over Region 8, with the score of 2-1 with the heroics of Mark Richard Atabay.

ARMM wins 2 straight in volleyball

By Rochelle A. Nera and Denmark A. Orita

Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) slammed its opponents in men's volleyball, rolling off two consecutive 3-0 matches to keep its record unstained in the elimination.

ARMM team led by its team captain Daud Sali outshone Region 6 Western Visayas in Game 6 through powerful kills, wallops, and defensive blocks, 25-16, 25-17, and 25-19.

The team also took control of its match against Region 5 in game 9, 25-21, 25-23, and 25-17.



NCR blanks Region 5; 14-0

By Rochelle Nonato & Alyssa Faith Chua

Combining speed and tactics, National Capital Region (NCR) defeated Region 5 (Bicol) batters, game 3 bracket C baseball elimination round at Cagayan State University (CSU) Carig Oval on Feb.10.

The first inning favored NCR as Kevin Butil delivered an outstanding batting that led the team to their first home run, zeroing the Bicolians, 4-0.

Due to the lousy catching and fielding of R5, the game again sided NCR on the second inning as Dominick Turaray and Reynaldo Gaban released their hard battings that advanced the team's second and third home run, 8-0.

NCR's performance on the third inning was still no match for R5 as Jomarie Benemerito, NCR's pitcher, ended the high hopes of the

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Edward Lee, the coach of ARMM, said that they really prepared for the competition.

"Of course, we really prepared before we came here, and they played for the best," said Lee.

Meanwhile, other regions also excelled in their respective games. Region 1-Ilocos edged Region 2-Cagayan Valley through quick sets and attacks in game 5, 3-1.

Emmanuel Verzosa, the team captain of Region 1, said that the cheers for Region 2 did not stop their determination to win.

"Naglaro kami na parang 'play-your-owngame' lang kahit sa home court nila," Verzosa added.

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arrival of someone she did not expect to show up at the venue of the most awaited event of the Olympics.

"I did not think she'll come," uttered the 20 year-old Bisayan veterinary medicine student of Eastern State University, a five-time regional crown holder, and now Ms. SCUAA 2015 titlist--so far the heaviest of crowns she was able to amass.

The beauty queen revealed that it was the best surprise she had during this time was when she saw her mom (who, she confessed, she is not so much close with), witnessing her success on stage. Never did she expect she'll see her mother seated among the large crowd shouting for her name. Never had she thought that she would get that support from her mother. Never had she been told that her mother would come to see her crowned Miss SCUAA 2015.

Like what is said by Shakespeare: "All is well that ends well." No matter how rough the times were for them in the past, it all turned with a happy ending.

In an interview, this beauty queen broke in tears when asked what her message to her family was.

"Mama, para sa inyo po ito. I just wanted to express how lucky and blessed I am for you are with me now."

She, too, expressed her joy for the experience and memories she had in Cagayan.

Smiling, Tobes said: "I would like to express how glad I am to see Cagayan, its people, and Bicolians through a series of good pitches that led the Bicol region to nine consecutive strikeouts that gave no way for a score.

Being left behind with the score of zero, the opposing team lost the game through a regulation decision, ending the game on the third inning, 14-0.

"Hard practice on pitching, batting and catching was the main reason why we won," Turaray, tagged as the star player of team, said after the game.

Meanwhile, Region 2 outmatched Region 5, game 3 bracket C with the score of 5-0.

Also, Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) defeated Region 4, game 3 bracket D with the score of 6-3.

Region 12 SOCCSKSARGEN scored 3-2 in game 7 against Region 8-Eastern Visayas.

The team rallied back in the 3rd and 4th set after being down, 2-0, to force an extension.

National Capital Region stunned Southern Tagalog in game 8, 3-0, while Region 9 Western Mindanao defeated Ilocos in game 10, 3-1.

Region 7-Central Visayas, on the other hand, reigned in game 11 over Region 2, 3-0.

Region 6 dumped Cordillera Administrative Region in game 12, 3-0, as well.



its memories "

She said that she would not forget Cagayan Valley, its warm people and the beautiful smiles that cheered for her beauty and wit.

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Region 3 leads on women futsal elims

Powered by team communication and stunning techniques offered by each member of the team, Region III racked up victory in the 2ND and 3RD Women's Futsal Elimination Round over the other regions.

On the first set of the game, contenders from R3 imposed their will in the entire round over R10 leaving them a merciless 7-0 production.

R3 went all-out as the game progressed to stay ahead in scoring over other regions with 11 points.

In the end, it was a lopsided victory with R10 tallying only 1 point courtesy of a fine strike in the second set, 11-1.

Riding on its momentum, R3 got away with Region 4 finishing the match, 4-3.

Sumayao stops Reyes, 6-5



Nyzrel Sumayao of Region 5 crashed Regopm 3 in Lawn Tennis Womens Division. (Photos courtesy of authors)

Smasher Nyrzel Sumayao of Region 5 needed only two sets to send home Region 3 bet in lawn tennis women's division, 6-5.

Sumayao led in the first set with a score of 3-2 against her opponent Alyssa Reyes from Region 03.

With the second set evened at 5, Sumayao released her killer smash for a statement win. By Dante C. Galang Jr. and Ever Guloy

Region 6 massacres Region 1, 11-0

Region 6 outplayed the llocos Region with 11-0 final score in football game 6, yesterday February 10, 2015.

Gerald Paparon, number 4, led the team with 6 points, 3 in the first half and another 3 during the second. The striker also impressed the audience with his ball control ability.

Team captain Nino Aledro, midfielder, also connected a goal during the first half adding to the team's overwhelming score.

Meanwhile, full back defenders Aguado, Rafael, Valencia, Tiongson, and Bayonas protected the ball well with the region's keen goalkeeper.

Coach John Carmona emphasized his player's edge when he said almost all are small which is very advantageous in football. Referees are looking forward for the region's next games believing that it's the best team so far. The boys are up against Bicol Region tomorrow. By Rolaine Paccalagan

R9 beats host region in men's Volleyball

Western Mindanao escaped past the Cagayan Valley Region in a see-saw battle at the volleyball grounds of CSU Carig Campus, 3-2, Feb.10.

After losing a hard-fought first set, Region 9 retaliated in the second set exploiting free balls and blocking spikes, 25-20.

Region 2 reclaimed the lead after scoring off aces, 25-23.

With the pressure on, R9 tightened up its defense and executed well its plays to press a deciding set, 25-20.

R9's defense even stiffened up in the extension dumping 4 attempts from R2 to run away with the victory, 15-11.

Meanwhile, other regions who also excelled in their respective games are listed as follows:

- Region 8 won against Region 10 with a score of 3-0.
- Region 7 defeated Region 1 with a score of 3-2.
- Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao crushed



A must-see amateur boxers

By Clarisse P. Marquez



Boxing fans and spectators as young as 5 came all the way to CSU Carig Red Eagle Gym on Monday afternoon to witness the most exciting sports event in National SCUAA Olympics 2015, the Amateur Boxing Competition.

Eyeing for a notch in the semi-finals, 10 amateur boxers from 6 threatening regions terminate rivals from five different weight divisions via TKO.

After landing a clean right straight punch, Villy Joe Aquino of Western Visayas. ended the 1st match of light welterweight division via knockout, 20 seconds early in the first round against Joel Ariola from Bicol Region.

Riding the impressive momentum, Ricky Tugelida also from Bicol, fired explosive straight haymakers and razed his rival from region 07 via T.K.O with a dying minute remaining in the first round of lightweight division.

From region 4, Jervin Aquino, in a gallant attempt to finish the 2nd match underlightweight division, thrashed three combo

punches to rip down John Vic Albano from region 03 via T.K.O in less than ten seconds.

"Ganito pala kalakas ang boxers ng SCUAA, grabe ang tindi. Yung performance ng coaches (maganda) talagang pinaghandaan", said Rolando Jose, AIBA 1 star international referee.

Over-all match from five weight classes gave way for regions NCR, CARAGA, 4, 6, 7, and 3 to advance to semi-finals on Feb. 11 at 2pm on CSU Red Eagle Gym.

Art by Jhon Eric Accad

Why is basketball loved by many?

By Kristinne Joyce De Leon

In contrast to other sports, basketball has a clear origin. According to basketballworld. com, it was invented by Dr. James Naismith, who was a physician and at the same time was primarily interested in sports physiology. In 1891, he was faced with the problem of finding in 14 days an indoor game to provide "athletic distraction" for the students. After discarding the idea of adapting outdoor games like soccer and lacrosse, Naismith recalled the concept of a game during his school days known as duckon-a rock that involved accuracy attempting to knock a "duck" off the top of a large rock by tossing another rock at it.

Starting from there, Naismith developed a set of 13 rules that gave origin to the game basketball. The sport was an instant success. Its popularity quickly grew and was introduced in many nations. Although Naismith never saw the game develop into the spectacular game we know these days, he had the honor to witness basketball become an Olympic sport at the 1936 games held in Berlin.

But how is demand for sport created and produced? Studies claim that people have free time or temporarily want to escape from reality. The availability of the game is just as much of a part of its success.

Moreover, Pierre Bourdieu, in his article, How can one become a sports fan, argues that sports is related to taste and character improvement. One's personal taste in sports defines the person. Sports are generally seen as means of improving connections between mental and physical capabilities, as well as improving social skills and teamwork.

Bourdieu argues that workers engage in sports which depend upon, and place at risk,



sheer bodily strength whereas the middle classes value sports which develop the body and skills as ends in themselves. This would mean that the lower class tends to participate in cheaper events that focus on the body as a tool with symbols of sacrifice. Sports such as gymnastics and golf emphasize the body or 'ideal physique' as the end goal, and with the relative costs of the sports result in most participants being members of the upper class.

Futher, he contends that "without forgetting the importance of taking part in sport particularly team sports - for working class and lower middle class adolescents, it cannot be ignored that the so-called popular sports also function as spectacles. They are 'popular' but in the sense this adjective takes on whatever it is applied to the material or cultural product s of mass production, cars, furniture or songs. In brief, sport, born of truly popular games, i.e., games produced for the people, returns to the people, like 'folk music', in the form of spectacles produced for the people. We may consider that sport as a spectacle would appear more clearly as a mass commodity ... "

Region 6 rookies rule against Region 2

By Donnabelle Maquimot and Ma. Aiza Delos Reyes

Receiving no defeat since the elimination round, Region 6 once again ruled the court sweeping Region 2 in Beach volleyball Women's division quarter finals game 1, 2-0.

Earlier during the first set, Region 2 made a good start drubbing the opponent with the score of 3-1. The young rookies of Region 6, Ramela Gallo and Glorybel Escobillas, tried to rally back with their good placing and jump serving to snatch the first set, 21-14.

Joyce Pascual and Kristine Joy Arese, Region 2 tandem, attempted to counter in set 2 but they stood no chance to the unstoppable spikes and attacks of Region 6 ending the game, 2-0 in favor of the latter.

"Our players are really good and lucky as well," John Tagudin, Region 6 coach, said in an interview.

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- Cordillera Administrative Region with a score 3-0.
- Region 3 outshined Region 4 with a score of 3-0.
- Region 5 spiked down Region 6 with a score of 3-2.

When asked about their team's motivation, Dr. Edgardo Rosales, president of Josefina H. Cerilles State College and one of the coaches of Region 9, said that they provided the needs of the athletes.

"Motivated sila maglaro ngayon kasi free new shoes, kasi problema nila last game, madulas daw tong court at nagbunga naman kaya dapat suportahan natin 'tong mga athletes natin," the president said. By Denmark Orita and Rochelle Nera



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RO2 men's singles win over **ARMM**



R2's Domingo (left) gives his best shot against the NCR player. (Photos courtesy of the authors)

NCR tops rivals in table tennis

By Divine Grace Tungcul and Jennievah Baribad

National Capital Region (NCR) bagged 10 gold medals for men's and women's division for both singles and doubles category and mixed doubles in Table Tennis Tournament Championship game.

The championship game between Region 4 and NCR women's division brought intense reaction to the crowd with loud cheers and yells from the both parties.

With crisp whacks and clever placing, Myrna Abarro, player of NCR, beat Maria Dominique Publico during the first round of singles category.

Abarro continued her attacks in the second round, hitting double points to finish the game, 3-0.

In the doubles category, the team up of Quinnie Napoles and Judielyn Dumalaon (R4) discharged powerful strokes over Kristel Mariz Oria and Loreine Cayetano that led to a score of 2.

When round three began, the tandem of Oria and Cayetano brought out spectacular grip that took the game up to 5 rounds. NCR, however, won through, 3-2.

According to Oria "ang pagkapanalo namin bilang kaunaunahang women team ng NCR ay isang napakatagumpay dahil nga naiuwi namin ang championship na talaga namang pinaghirapan naming lahat."

Meanwhile, in Men's Division championship game, players from both NCR and Region 3, in both singles and doubles category, wowed the audience with their special techniques and fast aggressive plays.

NCR's player Jan Vermier Escueta thumped by his Region 3 opponent in singles category but NCR's doubles, Kevin Olivo with Randy Mabuang and 2nd singles category, Chriz Pangan, team captain of NCR, overthrew Region 3 by winning the game.

On the other hand the NCR rose above region 4 in mixed doubles category. And according to NCR's Coach Arden Mark Santos, "Napakasaya, so proud kasi nakuha ng NCR for four consecutive years ang championship sa table tennis particular sa men and its double victory kasi this is the first time na nagchampion ang women table tennis.

All in all, Region 4 got the silver medal and bronze medal for Region 10 in women's division. For men's division, Region 3 garnered silver medal and Region 6 bagged bronze medal. And for mixed doubles, Region 4 garnered silver medal and region 6 brought home bronze medal.

Region 3 escapes past NCR, 3-2

By Manases A. Lacambra and Sarah Iane Redoble

Caraga Region tasted defeat after SOCCKSARGEN pounded them in the bracket C game during the elimination round of sepak takraw held on the third day of National SCUAA 2015 Olympics.

In the first regu, CARAGA's spiker, Patrick Lambacu and SOCCKSARGEN's spiker Kevin Karl De Vera exchanged spikes that got the crowd going.

However, in the third set, the wallops of Lambacu and SOCCKSARGEN's faulty service led CARAGA to take the set.

Meanwhile, SOCCKSARGEN enjoyed a reversal in the second regu after Fahad Masukat unleashed 10 cartwheels in the second set of the game and 11 cartwheels during the final set leaving scores of 21-19, 21-11.

During the third regu, the unstoppable wallops of Emmanuel Cadorna of Region 12 secured their throne against CARAGA's Roentgen Villasin's blocks

a success.

By Rosemarie N. Batang and Bernadeth E. Heralde

Region 2 Lawn Tennis men's single division bagged victory after winning of first singles and second singles game 6 bracket A of National SCUAA 2015 Olympics yesterday at Court 2 CSU-Carig Campus.

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Ferdinand Domingo showed again his smashing power when he nosed out Ahma Armama of ARMM, 6-5.

Domingo had a good start with a two point lead against Armama but the latter recovered and tied the match, 3 apiece.

Armama attempted to chase Domingo's score but there was no stopping R02's ace, ending the game, 6-5.

Domingo said: "Lahat ng kalaban ko, nahirapan ako, kasi lahat naman sila ay magagaling, 'yung panalo ko ngayon hindi ko von ini-expect."

"Yung manalo, yun talaga ang pinapangarap naming lahat," he added.

Also, Florence Domingo of R02, who won the second singles, nailed his opponent, Tayyib Bagumbun, 3-0.

In the fourth set of the game Bagumbun regained his strength until they had a score of 3-3, but F. Domingo held Bagumbun's score to 4 and won the game with a score of 6.

However, still in the game six of bracket A, double's division, ARMM nailed R02 with a score of 6-2.

Also, in game 7 bracket B, R04 knocked off R13 after winning singles division 6-2 and doubles division 6-2

Furthermore, in game 8 played between NCR and R03, first single scored 3-6 in favor of R03, while in second single NCR got the game with a score of 6-4; also in the double division NCR again crushed R03 by leading the score 6-5.



When asked about his expectation from his team, Mr. Leonardo Arboleda, SOCCKSARGEN's coach, said that he is confident of his players' ability. "We will fight until the last line," he added.

Region 09 also tasted victory after smashing the defense of region 07, during the bracket D game, with a score of 2-1.

Also, region 08 dominated region 01 after 2 sets with a score of 2-0 for bracket B game.

Meanwhile, at court A, bracket D, Region 10 overthrew CAR when Agcopra of Region 10 posted a well-built cartwheels that led to their success, 2-1.

