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Mullet-sporting Perak teen claims 10m air rifle gold and breaks senior's Sukma record

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PETALING JAYA: Perak shooter Nazirul Iqbal Roszaini did not just win in style, he also hit the mark in record-breaking fashion to claim the men's 10m air rifle gold at the Selangor Malaysia Games (Sukma) yesterday.

Among the eight shooters who lined up in the final at the Subang Shooting Range, Nazirul stood out with his brown mullet hairstyle.

The 18-year-old, however, said there was a story behind the look.

"I'm not really into bands or anything like that. I just wanted to try something different.

"I decided to grow my hair long because I was inspired by my senior Haritz Ikliil Hessly Hafiz from the national team, who also has long hair.

"When you have long hair, people tend to be a bit intimidated, so I like that style," said Nazirul.

Nazirul then made sure his shooting was just as eye-catching, firing 245.9 points to finish ahead of Sarawak's Rizki Razain Mohd Isti, who took silver with 240.2.

Pahang's Iman Syahmi Mohd

RESULTS

Men

10m air rifle individual: 1. Nazirul Iqbal Roszaini (Prk) 243.9, 2. Rizki Razain Mohd Isti (Swk) 240.2, 3. Iman Syahmi Azidi (Pah) 218.6.

10m air rifle team: 1. Yusezzany Jaidi, Dexter Dean Jonius, Hanson Chong (Sab) 1824.6, 2. Fikhyr Hafiz Fazley, Iman Syahmi Azidi, Zaffin Kucharie Azman (Pah) 1823.2, 3. Nazirul Iqbal Roszaini, V. Hiranraaj, Nu'aim Hussaini Zuki (Prk) 1821.1.

50m pistol individual: 1. Cheah Zen Hong (Pah) 518, 2. Thaqif Norhaqem Rozhan (Sel) 514, 3. Nik Adam Isyraf (Joh) 511.

50m pistol team: 1. Danial Hakim Razak, Cheah Zen Hong, Zainal Azim Mahmud (Pah) 1523, 2. Nik Adam Isyraf, Nur Shadiqin Baharin, Nur Muizzul Nuraizad (Joh) 1497, 3. Firas Darwish Shahrul Nizam, Naderahj Ng, Qabil Huzair Noranizam (Prk) 1487.

Women

10m air rifle: 1. Nur Aina Natasya Anderson (Sab) 244.8, 2. Nur Auni Arissa (Pah) 244.2, 3. Nor Alya Aqila (Prk) 223.4 pts.

10m air rifle team: 1. Connie Tan, Siti Zulaikha Haira, Nur Maisarah Dzulkifli (Pen) 1821.3, 2. V. Kesavatharshini, Nor Alya Mahathir, Nurul Ain Murad (Prk) 1819.8, 3. Nur Amani Husna, Farra Hemillea Putri, Nur Sakinah Nurain (Sel) 1818.2.

Azidi took the bronze with a score of 218.6 points.

Adding to the occasion, Nazirul not only followed Haritz's hairstyle but also broke his senior's Sukma record of 242.5, set at the 2022 edition in Kuala Lumpur.

The gold was even sweeter for Nazirul after he had to settle for bronze at the Sarawak Sukma two years ago.

In the women's 10m air rifle final, Sabah's Nur Aina Natasya Anderson ended her shooting career on a high by winning gold before pursuing her dream



Stylish victory: Perak's Nazirul Iqbal Roszaini is all smiles after winning the 10m air rifle individual final. — IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

of becoming a doctor.

The 19-year-old clinched the title with 244.8 points, just 0.6 ahead of Pahang's Nur Auni Arissa Muhammad Azaha, who settled for silver with 244.2.

Perak's Nor Alya Aqila Mahathir took bronze with 223.4 points.

"I still can't believe that I won

a medal, especially a gold. I really didn't expect it because the competition was very close.

"I'm very happy that I managed to achieve my dream of winning gold in my final Sukma," said Aina.

Aina will begin her medical studies at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in September.



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