

# Scott's an ace on and off the track

**SINGAPORE** — Triathlete Scott Ang, along with 12 of his schoolmates, had much to cheer about yesterday.

They were the top students from the Singapore Sports School in the 2009 GCE 'O' Level examinations.

The 16-year-old, who clinched the gold medal in the age-group category — which was used as a qualifier for this year's Youth Olympic Games — at last year's Osim International Triathlon, was one of the school's top scorers, with six distinctions.

The Youth Olympic hopeful was ecstatic and aims to join Innova Junior College.

"I'm going to Innova, as I hope to continue boarding and training at the Sports School," he told MediaCorp.

Scott, who also participated in last year's Gold Coast ITU Triathlon World Championships and the Korea Asia Triathlon, added: "I have a final Youth Olympic time trial in April and I'll be working hard towards that.

"Studying for the 'O' Levels took its toll on my fitness last year and I have to get back in shape.

"I'm not in top form yet,



Scott is one of the Sports School's top 'O' Level performers, with six distinctions. **WEE TECK HIAN**

but I'm getting there."

The school's top performers included netball star Seah Yun Zhen (7 distinctions), swimmer Benjamin Mah (7 distinctions), bowler Christopher Hwang (5 distinctions) and national sailor Rachel Lee (5 distinctions).

Thirty-nine students from last year's cohort of 77 sat for the 'O' Levels, while the rest opted for through-train diploma programmes from either Republic Polytechnic or the Auckland University of Technology.

In the 'O' Level cohort, 97.4 per cent passed five or more subjects, compared to the national average of 81.1 per cent.

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Triathlete Scott Ang, 16, is one of the two top Singapore Sports School O-level students. ST PHOTO: TERENCE TAN

# Sports school athletes are ace students too

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SINGAPORE Sports School student athletes Scott Ang and Seah Yun Zhen, both 16, have topped their cohort for the GCE O levels.

Scott, a gold medallist at the Osim International Triathlon 2009, scored seven points with six distinctions.

Netballer Yun Zhen earned eight points and seven distinctions.

Both national athletes attributed their academic success to the teachers and coaches at the Sports School.

"I owe it to all to my teachers, coaches and the Sports School for providing the extra platform for me to excel and succeed," said a delighted Scott.

Yun Zhen, who is the youngest player in the national under-19 squad, added: "Even though I had to sacrifice a lot of social time with my friends, it is now worth it."

Commenting on the overall performance of their 39 students who took the examination, principal Deborah Tan said: "This is our best performance since the first batch.

"We are pleased with the way our students are balancing sports and studies."

In all, 97.4 per cent of the students passed five subjects or more, and are eligible for polytechnic education, while 76.9 per cent also qualified for junior college, with 33.3 per cent scoring five or more distinctions.