

Winners Put Others Before Self

Singapore Sports School Roar Award



Erasmus (left) and Putra (right)

Resilience, sportsmanship and service led the way to three student-athletes being presented with the Singapore Sports School's Roar Award on 30 August 2016.

Swimmer Erasmus Ang Zhong Qing cut his knee while warming up for the 1,500m Freestyle final at the 8th Asean School Games in Chiangmai, Thailand, in July. The open wound required 13 stitches. But when the race started with the doctor's blessings, he put away his attention on the pain and focused only on his 30-lap swim. He won a bronze medal.

"I wasn't swimming as Erasmus Ang; I was swimming as a competitor from Singapore. Modern Singapore has overcome many difficulties and threats to its sovereignty, and is now a respected world-class nation. I wasn't going to let a cut in the knee cast any doubts on our country's resilience. I had to swim no matter what. I think it was the need not to fail that spurred me on to win the bronze medal," said Erasmus of his 17min 31s swim.

Nicholas Rachmadi was recognised for his show of sportsmanship. At the 19th Thailand Sports School Games in July, Nicholas touched the wall third in the 100m backstroke, but was named the silver medallist after officials penalised second-place finisher Parvin Rajendran from Malaysia for swimming in the wrong lane. Nicholas felt that Parvin had beaten him squarely, and he gave him his silver medal.

For footballer Putra Anugerah Sahrin, it was literally a case of "he ain't heavy, he's my brother" when he piggy-backed fellow footballer Marc Ryan Tan Wei Ming, who was hobbling on crutches, to Palm Valley at Singapore Botanic Gardens for the School's National Day Observance Ceremony.

The Sports School's Roar Awards recognise student-athletes for their outstanding display of respect, integrity, responsibility, excellence, resilience and sportsmanship. Bowler James Stuart Lowe Heng Leong, gymnasts Michele Petrova Lau Xin Ling and Phebe Meredith Lau Zhi Ling were Term 3's other nominees.