

SEA GAMES DOUBLETES: THAILAND COLLECTING SILVER

Despite its two teams, Women and Men in the final, Thailand did not manage to win its first gold medal. On the other hand, this was the case - all sports combined in SEA Games - for Cambodia which won gold after a homeric party under the eyes of the Secretary General of the Olympic Committee of that country. This will further increase the aura of Petanque in Cambodia!



Previously, in the last qualifying round for the Gentlemen, the players of Indonesia were still victim of their coach who ask them to point four times on a boule at 30 centimeters after a missed shooting. Result: 4 points unexpected thanks to two carreaux, for the Malaysians, led 5-9 just before the signal of end of the fixed time. Passing to 10 at the next lead and they did not have to play their last two balls at the last end, the Indonesians, still in advantage of boules having again chosen to point after a missed shot.

At the same time Thailand secured the first place of its group by easily disposing of Laos.

For the len, the semi-finals were dispatched in less than one hour by Malaysia against Laos and by Thailand against Vietnam on the same score of 13 to 5, as well as in Women's for Thailand vs Laos by 13-4. The scenario seemed to have to be the same as the Cambodians led 8-0 against the Vietnamese, but these one get in tune to reach equality, before yielding in two ends.

On the contrary the finals were very contrasted.

Whereas, in that of the Men, the domination of Malaysia - in an atmosphere of madness as a famous commentator of France Television would say! - was total up to 10-0 in four ends to finish at 13-2 three ends later, that of the Women was extraordinary for nearly two hours.

After a well-balanced start the game seemed to shift in favor of the Thai women who led 10-5 despite an exceptional performance of the double world champion of precision shooting Ke Leng who, in seven ends, had pointed only two boules, striking 17 of 19 with more than half of carreaux, but not always wisely. As the Thailand better balanced their game between point and shoot, Phantipha, the usual middle of the Thailand triplete, giving back often the carreaux, the gap widened.



But after a bad end of the two teams at 10 meters, the Cambodians changing their game began to go up point by point until 8. In the last lend after a hole of Phatipha, a puck and two tiles of Ke Lang her partner, the world champion of singles in Ghent, chooses instead of easily adding two points to 12 to draw the two boules Thai staying on the lane. She had not shoot any boule since the beginning. Results: a carreau then a palet, and 5 points to win the title in front of an enthusiastic crowd acquired to its cause!

Résultats:

Women Demi-finales : Cambodia bat Vietnam (Lam Thi Hong Thu - Nguyen Thi Loan) : 13-5
Thailand bat Laos (Keobolakoth Linda-Phanthali Phetsamone) : 13-4

Finale: Cambodia (Ke Leng-Ouk Sreymom) bat
Thailand (Phantipha Wongchuej-Pataratida Meeepak) 13-8

Messieurs: Demi-finales: Thailand bat Vietnam (Huynh Cong Tam-Nguyen Van Dung) 13-5
Malaysia bat Laos (Soukkhaphon Phonepasert-Xamouny Somsamay)13-5

Finale : Malaysia (Saiful Bahri Bin-Syed Ahmad Fikri) bat
Thailand (Piyabut Chamchoi-Sunchai Chueanchuea) 13-2