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BAGWIS SOFTBELLES

VS



CAM NORTE

10-0



SORSOGON

14-3



ALBAY

13-6



NAGA CITY

6-1

**BAT FOR GOLD.**  
Catanduanes secondary softball heavy-hitter Zoila Marie Bozar takes aim for another Naga City pitch to catalpult Bagwis to the finals.

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Bagwis batters Naga City, to face defending champ Cam Sur for gold

NIKKO FRANCO TEMPLONUEVO

CATANDUANES SECONDARY softball team put up an unbreakable wall of defense coupled with their perfectly-timed bats to trounce Naga City, 6-1, earning the chance to face the defending champion Camarines Sur for the championship game.

Ella Mae M. Garcia, an eight time Palarong Bicol player led the team's defense recording six strikeouts and holding the opponent to an average of four batters.

The lady batters took an early offensive rampage scoring three points in the first inning courtesy of Nicole Anne San Juan, Diane Manlangit, and Christine Gurrobat.

Coming to the third inning, Garcia, a Palarong Pambansa pitcher managed to hit another bat and score 4-0.

They held Naga City scoreless until the fourth inning after Naga City luckily hit a fastball that went to the left field.

Catanduanes retaliated scoring another two points from Christine Gurrobat and Syra Mae Vargas.

The Bagwis lady batters will face Camarines Sur on February 28, 2019 to get a chance to add another gold to the province.

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**BOUND TO PALARONG PAMBANSA**

**Cat'nes claims runner-up title in women's billiards tourney**



DAVE S. TOLENTINO

CATANDUANES SHOWCASED a stellar performance in women's category of Palarong Bicol 2019 Billiards Tournament to pocket a first runner-up finish on top of its guaranteed participation in Palarong Pambansa 2019 in Davao City this April.

Local cue artists Shiela Marie Tablate and Jessibel Romero snagged silver medals in Women's 8-ball and 9-ball pool singles respectively to give Catanduanes a sweet spot next to women's category overall champion Camarines Sur.

Viracnon Tablate vanquished Masabate Province's Daniela Aplacador in a 3-1 semifinal contest while Romero, who hails from Caramoran,

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**Catanduanes eskrimador bags bronze on her birthday**



FRANCIS TEMPLONUEVO

THE STREAK LIVES ON for arnis as Irish Rufino took home another bronze for Bagwis after winning in the extra light weight category, 2-1 versus Sorsogon City – just a fitting gift for her birthday.

Rufino, a grade 11 student from San Andres Vocational School used the counter-attack strategy to secure both the first and third rounds with 3-1 hits.

“Aggressive na masyado ang Sorsogon City so dun kami nakakuha ng adjustment para maabangan ung attack at makakuha ng score,” coach Lito M. Arcega said.

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## SARGO.

Bagwis cue artist Jessibel Romero prepares to break the ball during the third rack of her gold medal match against Camarines Sur's Mary Joy Bien.  *ATVarags*



TABLATE AND ROMERO



## Cat'nes claims runner-up title in women's billiards tourney

### Bagwis kickers to take shot for bronze vs Naga City

 FRANCIS TEMPLONUEVO

THE YOUNG footballers may have lost the road to gold against the powerhouse Masbate City, but the team has lived to see another day to take a shot at bronze versus Naga City.

"We take our defeat against Masbate City as a valuable learning experience to move forward. Even if we're not to battle for gold anymore, we still have the shot to take the bronze tomorrow," Ronald M. Tesorero, the head coach said.

"We are taking the pride as a team that our opponent did not score 6-0 on us which they consistently did for their previous games. It only shows that our defense has improved since our 2nd game against Legazpi City," Tesorero added.

Bagwis kickers is in a must-win situation to bring home the bronze.

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matches.

However, Bagwis's campaign to place first was derailed by Camarines Sur's Palarong Pambansa 2018 bronze medalist Maria Joy Bien after defeating Tablate and Romero in their individual championship games.

Since Bien lorded the two billiard competitions, Romero faced over fellow teammate Tablate in a one-rack 9-ball encounter and smoothly won to become the second billiards contingent of the region to the biggest annual sports fest in the country.

"I am so thankful for my achievements here in

trounced Camarines Sur's Maria Kimberly Bernales, 3-2, to cruise to their gold-medal

Palarong Bicol. I dedicate this win to my parents, coaches and other people who supported me to play billiards," the Bicol sports meet first timer said in vernacular.

Meanwhile, Catanduanes billiards trainer Chester Ferida said in an interview that billiards is now a sports gaining popularity among students in the province.

"We are hoping for a better funding to aid the promotion of billiards in the coming years. The team is consistently chipping in medals to help our division in its gold medal haul in Palarong Bicol," he said.

Ferida added that the division might consider purchasing its own billiards table that will accommodate young Catandunganon cue players as they train for competitions.

### Cat'nes eskrimador bags bronze on her birthday

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The birthday girl who is already on her third Palarong Bicol stint said that getting the bronze was already a rewarding gift for her big day.

"Finally nagkaroon na din ako ng medal kahit bronze and nasakto pa sa birthday ko," Rufino said.

As to her experience, Rufino said that she already leveled up her game and saw the importance of focus, maturity, and strategy.

"Dati sa previous Palaro ko, kabado ako at less ang focus. Pero ngayon iba na. Importante lang talaga na sa training palang may focus ka na at meron ng diskarte," the bronze medalist said.



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### FINALS BOUND

## Bagwis batters Naga City

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"Yakabahan po. Kaipuhan makagold ta last game ko na," said Garcia who will be playing her last Palaro game

Garcia added that the team should focus on building on their teamwork especially on defense.

Coach Efigenio Gianan Jr. admitted that Camarines Sur

has it all: the perfect offense, the impenetrable defense.

"Cam Sur wants an overwhelming victory. However, once an opponent cuts the lead and edge nearer, it caused them to rattle. That is where our strategy will center," Gianan added.

If the lady batter win their championship match, it will be the second gold for the province of Catanduanes.

### San Miguel boxer adds bronze to medal haul

Despite a second round defeat, boxer Jophet B. Tesorero still landed bronze medal following his bantam weight category (school boys division) fight against the winner Camarines Norte.

"Natalo man tayong, natalo pa din tayong lumalaban. At ang pinaka-importante yung experience na babaunin naming pagbalik lalo na sa pagdevelop at train ng mga players," Noel T. Magtangob, the coach said.

The 15-year old San Miguel native said that he is lucky enough to earn the lucky pick to have a shot at bronze.

"Dahil sa lucky pick, nagkaroon ako agad ng chance na lumaban para sa silver, tapos gold sana, pero di na ako naka-advance pa kasi natalo na. Masaya pa din dahil na experience ko to at mas gagalingan ko pa sa susunod na Palaro," Tesorero said.

 FRANCIS TEMPLONUEVO



## Cat'nes cagers shoot bronze in basketball 3x3

JEFFERSON S. ARCILLA



Though already out from the gold medal contention, Catanduanes 3x3 dribblers made sure they would end Palarong Bicol campaign on a winning note. Built on clutch baskets and ball pressure, Ferdinand A. De Leon, John Rick M. Arador, Jethro S. Ocray, and Jerome S. Ocray exalted a retaliation over Naga City, 18-17, yesterday.

Watched by sports enthusiasts in Masbate Sports Complex, Catanduanes protected its lead in the last two minutes of the game until the last buzzer.

"I didn't call a timeout because I know that they [Naga City] are tired," head coach Arnel G. Valeza shared.

In their match for bronze against Naga City, coach Valeza directed his players to pressure the ball and stop the outside shooting which he believes his players have successfully delivered.

"I have confidence in my players. They really pressured the ball and saved important ball possessions," Valeza added.

In a close match that separated the two teams with only one point, Catanduanes made its first basket in the first possession courtesy of Ocray's two-point specialty.

Naga City managed to distance itself by four points but De Leon was on his usual charge as he muscled his way in the paint, scoring points off inside penetrations.

Ocray brothers also poured long bombs that kept the game within striking distance while Arador made hustle plays down the stretch.

"They were really motivated to win medal for the province that's why they were really energized," Valeza shared.

In an interview after the win, Arador expressed his regret after missing his open layup against Legazpi City in semifinals.

"I almost made it off the board but it was just too strong," he exclaimed.

Catanduanes fell short against Legazpi City in semifinals with a one-point deficit after the game went to overtime.



### FINDING THE BASKET.

One of the Ocray brothers attempts to score in the paint against Naga City's defender.

## Catanduanes captures four bronze medals in Dance Sports

NIKKO FRANCO TEMPLONUEVO

Mel Irish P. Papango and Justin B. San Juan, both from Sto. Cristo Elementary School grooved their way in the Palarong Bicol 2019 to capture four bronze medals in Latin Category Juvenile Level for Catanduanes in Dance Sports Competition.

The duo was also awarded as the third best in Cha-Cha, Jive and Samba, making a total of four bronze medals.

This is the first medal that Catanduanes will bring home in the field of Dance Sports. Papango, who joined last year's Paloro with his brother, landed only on the 5th spot. This time she was paired with San Juan, a third grader and a first time Paloro athlete.

"We are overjoyed because the standing of Dance Sports is improving," said Maricon P. Romero.

"The sacrifices that those kids gave for this competition is indeed

worth it," Romero added.

Coach Romero further said that Papango and San Juan gave a good fight against the giants of Ligao and Tabaco who were both Palarong Pambansa participants last year.

"We will work harder to make all the category and level in the team dance sports reached the top three positions," Romero said.

Romero also attributed the success of the duo to the municipal training in addition to the 10-day concentration training.



### GROOVIN'.

Bagwis dance athletes shake off last year's fifth place finish to groove to a bronze medal dancesport.

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## Artuz-Romero tandem shines in badminton doubles

JEFFERSON S. ARCILLA

Shrugging off tired legs and abated stamina, the duo of Dexter T. Romero and John Vincent T. Artuz mustered their way to secure a hard-earned bronze medal in badminton doubles elementary yesterday.

The junior smashers from Obo Elementary School recorded two wins in three outings over Sorsoگون City (21-12) and Iriga City (21-18) before battling Camarines Sur in semis.

The combo sixth graders of

San Miguel finished all three games in just one day.

"It's very exhausting," said Romero in vernacular while smiling with his teammate.

Coach Catherine S. Carranza said that she is satisfied with the achievement of her players despite the tight game schedule.

"I am very happy with the results. They fought all three games with determination even though they had to play them for just one day," the teacher from Danao Putsan Elementary School shared in vernacular.

In her return as the head coach of the province's badminton doubles, she and her assistant coaches used different ways to motivate the players.

"We would always tell them to have focus and have self-confidence. We even give them money and chocolates every time they win games," Carranza gladly shared.

This year's smashers gave Catanduanes its first medal in elementary badminton doubles after several years of struggle in regional competition.



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