



3X3 BASKETBALL

Cat'nes beats Sorsogon City, moves to semifinals p.2

Bagwis footballers upset Legazpi City

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AFTER SUFFERING FROM a horrific 5-0 loss against Masbate Province during their opening game, the young Bagwis footballers redeemed themselves and gave them a miracle shot to the semi-finals after handing a 2-0 upset to Legazpi City yesterday at Masbate Sports Complex, Masbate City.

The goals of Bagwis were delivered by 11-year old striker John Michael A. Tesorero during the first half, and the other one by 12-year old striker Glenn Tabor in the second half. Both strikers benefited from the assists of the 12-year old midfielder and Bagwis team captain Jeff Azle S. Rojas of Bato Central Elementary School.

"They played the right way and played with a much better defense. And when we hit our first goal, that boosted our confidence," Coach Ronald Tesorero said.

Midfielder Rojas also shared that the game plan was to double up the defense that they had.

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BALL CONTROL. Jansen Suarez of Catanduanes manages to keep the possession despite the pesky attempt of Legazpi City to steal the ball. © JArcilla

Bagwis ends sepak takraw stretch with silver medal

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Another hardware has been added to the

collection of medals in this year's regional sports meet.

Giving pride and glory to Catanduanes is the team of John Erl C. Bas, Jeric S. Camacho, John Paul T. Maroon, and Andrei B. Ferrer who finished as silver medalists in sepak takraw junior event yesterday at Masbate Sports Complex.

Despite the loss in a gold medal match against Masbate Province, Bagwis young strikers made their Palarong Bicol run a notable one after ending the prov-

ince's four-year medal dearth in the said event.

"They are the best players in sepak takraw in the history of Catanduanes," said Ferdinand Tusi while explaining how proud he is as the coach and trainer of the team.

The golden-yellow and navy-blue kickers started their campaign with two straight wins, both of which ended in a conclusive manner with victories over city divisions of Masbate and Naga. Then they faced a tougher opponent Sorsogon Province in semifinals to enter championship with undefeated record.

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MIRACLE IN MILAGROS

Cat'nes softbelles slip past Cam Norte, to face Legazpi anew

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14-13 victory against Camarines Norte.

Just when they were about to give up, luck finally favored them en-route to victory.

Mary Jane Reyes, member of the coaching staff of the elementary softball team shared that early on the top of the fourth, the kids were already crying because they ran out of hope.

With their backs pushed against the wall, Catanduanes elementary lady batters came out swinging at the bottom of the fourth and scored nine straight points from being held scoreless from the first inning, continuing their surge to cap off a

"But as soon as they started hitting the throw of the pitchers, the children recovered their energy and started to hit some solid pitch," said Reyes.

Both teams ended fourth inning with nine

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Gigmoto kid ranks 2nd in gymnastics

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A SIXTH GRADER from Gigmoto Central Elementary School was not discouraged by defective gymnastic apparatus back home to pocket a silver medal in Vault Category of Womens' Artistic Gymnastics (WAG)

I was really happy because we went through a period of hardships before the contest.

-Coach Dayawon

Elementary in Palarong Bicol 2019. Bagwis acrobat Lealyn T. Morales ended the years-long medal drought of Catanduanes gymnastics team after posting 11.275 points in Apparatus Vault Finals to best Selena Vergara of Albay who just averaged

11 points. However, the points accumulated by the Bagwis kiddie acrobat fell short to beat gold medalist Eliana M. Bichara of Naga who finished with 11.45.

Gymnastics coach Maritess Dayawon said that the win scored by Morales inspired other Bagwis gymnasts to improve their skills for the next Palarong Bicol.

WE ARE STILL KICKING.





Lady jins reap 2 silver medals for Catanduanes



BIGGER STAGE.

Catanduanes lady jin first-timer Judy Matienzo tries to deny the opponent's kick in front of enthusiastic crowd in Masbate City.

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For Catanduanes, earning silver medals is a good way to end or start one's stint in taekwondo.

Pamela Marie Dolores who is playing her last Palaro and Judy Matienzo who is playing her first both delivered silver medal for the province of Catanduanes in 2019 Palarong Bicol's Taekwondo Competition-secondary level.

Dolores, a 17-year old student at Bagamanoc Rural Development High School, fell short against Palarong Pambansa striker Isabela Cayetano, 20-14, to receive her second silver in her three years playing at the Palaro.

She started back in 2017 where she got her first palaro silver medal then followed by a bronze medal in 2018, then the latest with another silver.

"Nanghihinayang po ako dahil last chance ko na to this year pero dai pa rin ako nakagold," Dolores expressed.

However, Dolores said that she was satisfied with the result of

this year's Palaro given that before and during the fight she already was suffering from an injury.

Meanwhile, Judy Matienzo, a first-timer Palarong Bicol player was preyed upon by Kenshin Rain Bonos, 20-8 to fall on the silver medal spot.

Matienzo admitted that she was unable to defeat her opponent because of lack of training, experience and technique which her opponent has.

"Naogma ako na maski beginner ako, naglaban man syempre and nakasilver pa," the Calatagan High School student added.

Matienzo, a 15-year old student from Calatagan High School was originally not included in the Palaro roster after being defeated in the annual Palarong Panlalawigan.

However, one of the players backed-off and she was called on to replace with two months to spare.

"Yan ang fighter ko na dai ko lamang yaasahan na magana nin medal," said Evangeline Bozar, the coach of Matienzo.

Cat'nes beats Sorsogon City, cruises to semifinals

JEFFERSON S. ARCILLA

CATANDUANES ENTERED the final four stage of men's 3x3 basketball with a win over Sorsogon City, 16-15.

Motivated to avenge the defeat of team Catanduanes from Sorsogon City in men's basketball, 3x3 stalwarts made a furious comeback yesterday at Masbate Sports Complex.

Ferdinand A. De Leon once again led the charge for team Bagwis finishing the game as top scorer.

It was a close game right from the beginning as both teams

exchanged baskets and recorded multiple deadlocks.

The turning point of the game came when Sorsogon City reached foul limit that gave Catanduanes freebies.

"They committed ten fouls that gave us the chance to score from the freethrow line twice plus the possession," said Arnel G. Valeza, head coach of the team.

The team with only one loss was charged by the slasher De Leon who became very busy in the paint.

"De Leon was able to penetrate inside easily that's why we got many chances to score," Valeza added.

Catanduanes will face the team that blemished their perfect record in a survival match.

"Naga City players are good outside shooters that's why we need to pressure them defensively," he said in vernacular.

In their second match in this year's Palarong Bicol, Naga City barraged Catanduanes with three-pointers to bolt a 19-15 win.



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points apiece after the bad start of Catanduanes. The little lady batters continued their impressive run scoring additional five more points to finish the game, 14-13.

Catanduanes will have their shot at redemption as they face Legazpi City who gave the team their only defeat by far in this year Palaro.

Meanwhile, the secondary lady batters proved that revenge is indeed sweet. The secondary sluggers rejoiced after serving their old nemesis the taste of their own doing trouncing Albay via regulation in their third Palaro match, 13-6.

Last 2018 Palaro, Albay gave Catanduanes a heartbreaking loss that cost them a possible silver medal finish.

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"Last night, we talked about our errors and we needed major adjustments on how we approach our game. We know we were not playing defense that cost us a game. This time, we have to be aggressive and play as a team," Rojas said.

It was really a fun sight to watch as the documentation team witnessed the young footballers doing their team meeting the night before their game. It was a private players-only huddle.

"Coach already told us what we need to do. This time, as a team captain, I have to talk to my teammates to have a better communication inside the field," Rojas added.

The player-only meeting paid off as the squad followed their game plan with discipline and tenacity.

Bagwis will play in semis today versus the Masbate City kickers.

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school principal of Yocti Elementary School said that his boys really stepped up in their quest to bring honor to Catanduanes.

"To me, they are the champions in sepak takraw," said Tusi in vernacular, giving his players the credit for their achievement this year.

The victory did not only give Catanduanes a silver medal but a brighter future ahead of the province's chance in sepak takraw under the leadership of coach Tusi.

"We really tried to win in Provincial Meet so that we can represent Catanduanes in Palarong Bicol," he said.

Tusi shared that their journey towards the coveted goal started three years ago when he was starting to train novice athletes in their school.

"My players really had no idea about the sports, back then we really started from zero. Even the players didn't know how to use the [rattan] ball," Tusi added.

The winning moment in Palaro also taught the long-time sepak takraw coach realities in competing in Bicol regional meet.

"It is really important to bring players in Palarong Bicol who are really competitive and have the skills," he said.

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"I was really happy because we went

through a period of hardships before the contest. The facilities in Catanduanes were not enough so we had to go out of the province to train," she said in Bicol.

In the previous Palarong Panlalawigan in late October last year, it was reported that local acrobats complained about gymnastics facilities which are no longer in good condition like tattered mats and an unstable old-model vault.

Prior to Palarong Bicol, the team solicited sponsorships from local government units and other private individuals to train for 10 dyas in Club Gymnastica in Manila, a physical fitness center known in developing budding gymnasts in the country.

"We are so thankful that we were able to experience the new facilities of that gym. It really improved the performances of our gymnasts," she said.

