

Hua-Tien Ting Pockets Four Gold Medals, Cheng Yeh Dyes His Hair Gold and Wins Gold

Hua-Tien Ting from Fu Jen Catholic University shone once again at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games 2023 held by Chung Yuan Christian University on May 9th. She won all four gold medals at Division I women's competitions except vaulting horse, which she didn't register to compete.

Cheng Yeh from National Taiwan Sport University won the gold medal for men's horizontal bar after competing for three days, adding some more confidence for himself for the upcoming international events.

Ting got 13.733 points at balance beam, 12.8 points at floor and 12 points at uneven bars, which reached national top standard with each of them. Aside from that, adding women's artistic individual all-around gold medal, she already won six gold medals at the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games despite she's only a sophomore.

Talking about the balance beam competition, Ting mentioned that she actually tried new connection movements.

"I've been preparing a lot of different movements recently." Ting said. "I have to check if I'm able to execute them well in competitions, and I was pretty confident today, but I still need to make some adjustments."

Ting's left leg suffered from shin splint last year. Although the doctor told her to rest more, there are a lot of competitions this year. After the National Intercollegiate Athletic Games, there are still 2023 Asian Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, qualification of the Asian Games and her first ever FISU World University Games.

"I rehabilitated and checked very diligently." Ting said. "I hope I can participate in all the competitions."

As for the vaulting horse competition, Pin-Ju Lai from National Taipei University of Education won the gold medal with 11.833 points. Silver medalist was Li-Yun Chueh, also from National Taipei University of Education, and the bronze medalist was Hui-Mei Huang from National Taiwan Normal University.

Cheng Yeh, who competed three days with Yu-Jan Hsiao and Kuan-I Lin from National Taipei University of Education, won the gold medal at horizontal bar with 12.9 points and silver medal at floor and bronze medal at artistic individual all-around, proving his prowess of representing Taiwan at the Chengdu 2021 FISU World University Games.

"I was a little bit exhausted." Yeh said. "Actually, I wasn't satisfied, but no matter how tired I was, I still had to finish the competition because it's the same for everyone, so that's not the excuse."

Yeh used to suffer from amnesia and old wounds, and he dyed his hair gold, hoping to restart. He mentioned that he's used to himself like this, and is walking out of the valley.

"As long as I protected myself," Yeh said. "I can try to conquer my own fear, but people around me aren't used to it."