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Junior keglers on a golden roll

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MALAYSIAN keglers put on another outstanding performance on the second day of the Sixth Asian Schools Bowling Championships by winning three gold medals at the Megalanes Bowling Centre in Prai yesterday.

With both the boys' doubles and team events and the girls' doubles gold medals, Malaysia have increased their medal tally to four to date.

It could have been another clean sweep had the Australians not denied our girls the gold in the team's second block.

It was the Australians first gold medal in the championship, while Malaysia settled for silver and bronze.

But it was Nadri Mohd Noor, the boys' singles winner, and Jonathan Lim who delivered the goods to clinch the boys' doubles crown after accumulating 2,434 pinfalls.

The gold, however, was still theirs as their strong scores in their previous frames helped them round up yet another 1-2 finish, with Khairul Hafidz Ramri and Karry Chang downed 2,421 to complete the 1-2 followed by JC Tupaz and Clark Tiu of the Philippines on 2,421.

Said Nadri: "Indeed, it was a relief that we managed to win the gold medal.

"We tried to enjoy ourselves then but our game somehow swayed and this caused us to lose points."

Lim, meanwhile, said the doubles title "made up for my disappointment in losing the singles gold.

"However, I am happy to be able to help contribute another gold medal to Malaysia and more in the next two days."

He did just that later in the afternoon.

Partnering Nadri, Eric Ang and Aaron Kong, Lim and company went on to clinch the team gold with Khairul Hafidz Zamri, Mahathir Mohd Nor, Steven Yam and Karry Chang taking the silver in the team event.

Yazliza, who lost her singles gold on Friday, combined with Penang's Voon Kim Ling, the Sabah Games gold medallist, to capture the girls' doubles gold.

However, Yazliza, Kim Ling, Zandra Aziela and Yazlin Razlan's attempt to bag the team gold was thwarted by the Australians Toni Woodcock, Kate Murry, Bianca Flanagan and Jayde Flanagan.

Results - Boys' doubles (Malaysia unless stated): 1 Jonathan Lim-Nadri Mohd Noor 2,434 pinfalls, 2 Khairul Hafidz Zamri-Karry Chang 2,421, 3 JC Tupaz-Clark Tiu (Phi) 2,417.

Team: 1 Malaysia (Jonathan Lim, Eric, Nadri Mohd Noor, Aaron Kong) 4,721, 2 Malaysia (Khairul Hafidz Zamri, Mahathir Mohd Nor, Steven Yam, Karry Chang) 4,659, 3 Philippines (JC Tupaz, Ian Dychango, Timmy Medrano, Clark Tiu), 4,522.

Girls' - Doubles: 1 Voon Kim Ling-Yazliza Razlan 2,325, 2 Toni Woodcock-Jayde Flanagan (Aus) 2,261, 3 Elaine Lam-Enaz Diana 2,169.

Team: 1 Australia (Toni Woodcock, Kate Murray, Bianca Flanagan, Jayde Flanagan) 4,302, 2 Malaysia (Yazliza Razlan, Zandra Aziela, Yazlin Razlan, Voon Kim Ling) 4,259, 3 Malaysia (Sharon Koh, Elaine Lam, Enaz Diana Ezanee, Esther Cheah) 4,093.