

Can we hit the big 8-0?

Singapore looks set to surpass its previous record of 50 gold medals at the 28th SEA Games this June. A historic haul of possibly 80 golds could be on the cards for our 749 athletes.

The Straits Times' forecast

Shoo-ins (49)

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| Swimming | 19 |
| Sailing | 10 |
| Table tennis | 7* |
| Bowling | 3 |
| Water polo | 2 |
| Waterski | 2 |
| Floorball | 2 |
| Rugby 7s | 2 |
| Netball | 1* |
| Athletics | 1 |

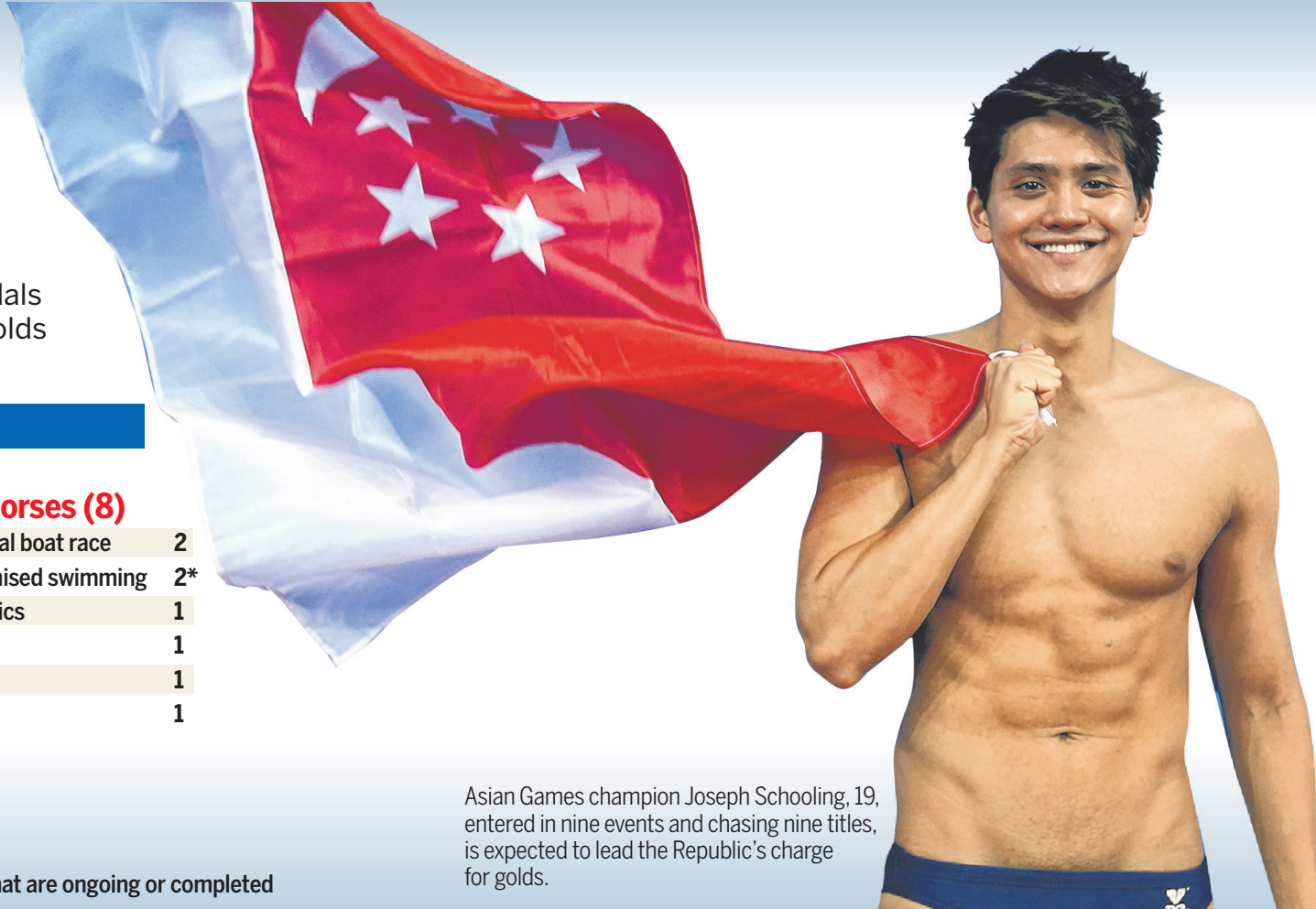
Strong contenders (23)

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| Shooting | 6 |
| Canoeing | 3 |
| Billiards & snooker | 3 |
| Fencing | 2* |
| Wushu | 2 |
| Pencak silat | 2 |
| Cycling | 1 |
| Archery | 1 |
| Taekwondo | 1 |
| Rowing | 1 |
| Equestrian | 1 |

Dark horses (8)

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| Traditional boat race | 2 |
| Synchronised swimming | 2* |
| Gymnastics | 1 |
| Squash | 1 |
| Judo | 1 |
| Boxing | 1 |

*Sports that are ongoing or completed



Asian Games champion Joseph Schooling, 19, entered in nine events and chasing nine titles, is expected to lead the Republic's charge for golds.

How we fared

1993 (483 athletes)

50 golds from 13 sports (29 offered)

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| Aquatics | 13 |
| Wushu | 7 |
| Bodybuilding | 6 |
| Taekwondo | 5 |
| Sailing | 5 |
| Squash | 4 |
| Bowling | 3 |
| Silat | 2 |
| Shooting | 1 |
| Karate | 1 |
| Hockey | 1 |
| Traditional boat race | 1 |
| Athletics | 1 |

1983 (381 athletes)

38 golds from 9 sports (18 offered)

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|---------------|----|
| Aquatics | 16 |
| Bowling | 8 |
| Sailing | 4 |
| Archery | 2 |
| Shooting | 2 |
| Weightlifting | 2 |
| Equestrian | 2 |
| Athletics | 1 |
| Badminton | 1 |

Athlete of the Games: Junie Sng

What a way to end her career. Sng became the first Asian woman to break the nine-minute barrier in the 800m freestyle, bagged 10 golds and retired.



1973 (319 athletes)

45 golds from 8 sports (16 offered)

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|--------------|----|
| Aquatics | 23 |
| Athletics | 6 |
| Shooting | 4 |
| Judo | 4 |
| Table tennis | 3 |
| Sailing | 3 |
| Boxing | 1 |
| Hockey | 1 |

Athlete of the Games: Pat Chan

The original Golden Girl. Chan was the most bemedalled athlete at this Games with six golds and ended her career the only way she knew how. At the top.



Athlete of the Games: Joscelin Yeo

It all started here for Yeo, who would become the most decorated Games athlete with 40 golds. She won nine at this meet and never looked back.