

# Diving out of a massive shadow

## GOLD MEDAL WINNER WANG GROWING TIRED OF 'LITTLE GUO JINGJING' MONIKER

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**GUANGZHOU** — The young divers on the all-conquering Chinese team were not only competing for Asiad gold medals, but also emerging from the shadow of diving diva Guo Jingjing.

Coming from the same hometown as the four-time Olympic champion, Wang Han, a springboard diver, had been dubbed "little Guo Jingjing" by local media.

Not surprisingly, Wang was asked to compare herself to Guo, who stopped training two years ago, after winning the gold medal in the synchronized 3m springboard with Shi Tingmao at the Aoti Aquatic Center on Monday.

However, the 19-year-old is determined to make her own mark.

"I don't like the title of 'little Guo Jingjing'. I want to do my own thing. I don't want to live in the shadow of

sister Guo forever," Wang said of her former synchronized partner after winning the first diving gold medal in Guangzhou.

"I want to be as successful as she was and I hope to learn from her experience. But when people talk about me, I hope they don't always compare me to her. I want everyone to recognize me as a unique individual," said the bronze medalist in the 3m springboard at last year's World Championships.

Despite winning synchronized gold, Wang played down the duo's performance.

"Our cooperation was not as good as it was in training. October marked the conclusion of our national events, so we had only one month to work together. We need more training in the future," she said.

Malaysia pocketed silver while Japan settled for bronze.

In the men's synchronized 10m platform, China's Yang Liguang and Zhou Luxin won gold, followed by Malaysia's Bryan Nickson Lomas and Ooi Tze Liang.



China's Shi Tingmao (top) and Wang Han compete in the women's synchronized 3m springboard final on Monday. China won the gold medal.

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### MEDAL TALLY >>

through Monday's competition

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
<b>China</b>	154	77	73	304
Korea	61	51	66	178
Japan	32	59	67	158
Iran	12	8	15	35
<b>Hong Kong</b>	8	13	12	33
<b>Chinese Taipei</b>	8	9	29	46
Thailand	7	7	22	36
India	6	12	18	36
Malaysia	6	11	8	25
Kazakhstan	5	13	23	41
DPRK	5	9	13	27
Indonesia	4	7	10	21
Singapore	4	6	6	16
Uzbekistan	3	11	16	30
Kuwait	2	3	0	5
Philippines	2	2	8	12
Kyrgyzstan	1	2	1	4
Pakistan	1	2	1	4
Qatar	1	1	3	5
Jordan	1	1	1	3
Saudi Arabia	1	1	1	3
<b>Macao</b>	1	1	0	2
Bahrain	1	0	1	2
Tajikistan	1	0	1	2
Vietnam	0	11	12	23
Myanmar	0	5	1	6
Mongolia	0	2	6	8
UAE	0	2	0	2
Lebanon	0	1	2	3
Afghanistan	0	1	1	2
Bangladesh	0	1	0	1
Laos	0	0	2	2
Iraq	0	0	1	1

### 24 HOURS >> HOW THE DAY PLAYED OUT

**14:15** Korea had an easy time beating Mongolia 3-0 in a volleyball pool A match at the Guangwai Gymnasium.

Mongolia tried to surprise Korea with slow balls over the net in the first set, but couldn't stop Korea's big gun, Kim Yeon-koung, from finding mid-court openings.

Tsetsegjargal Ganbold and Buyanjargal Purevjav only recorded a few successful spikes for Mongolia, while Kim did not miss a shot the other way.

**14:31** Malaysian Liew Kien Liang's victory in the men's bowling "all events" — a cumulative score from the singles, doubles, trios and team events — continued the Asian Games trend of men's all-events champions also winning the doubles event at the same Asiad.

The women's all-events champion has never won the doubles at the same Asiad. Also, no all-events champion has ever won the singles title at the same Asiad.

**15:30** Chan Jung-yan of Chinese Taipei captured her second gold medal when she partnered Yang Tsung-hua to beat Sania Mirza and Vishnu Vardhan of India in the tennis mixed doubles final.

Teamed with Chuang Chia-jung, Chan also won the women's doubles title, defeating fellow Chinese Taipei tandem of Chang Kai-chen and Hsieh Su-wei in the gold-medal match.

**16:00** Korea cemented its reputation as Asia's archery power by winning the gold medal in the men's team event with a 222-218 victory over China at Aoti Archery Range.

The Koreans had to show composure when China recorded three 10s for a perfect score to lead 112-111 at the second end and 169-168 after three sets.

A shot off the target in the fourth end by China's Dai Xiaoxiang gave Korea the victory.

**16:13** Former Chinese international Zhao Jinwen scored six goals as Hong Kong whipped Qatar

21-1 for fourth position in group A water polo at the Tianhe Natatorium.

Zhao scored three from the penalty line but also contributed strongly at centerback, tussling frequently with Qatar center forward Ali Abdeen.

Both teams were without key players. Captain Koo Yu Fat sat out for Hong Kong because of a broken nose sustained against Japan on Saturday, while Qatar played without Ali Allanjawi who had to make an emergency flight home.

**17:51** Olga Tereshkova retained her Asian Games women's 400m title in grand style, winning by more than five meters in a time of 51.97 seconds at Aoti Main Stadium.

Behind the 2006 Doha Asian Games champion, there was a tremendous battle for silver as Japan's Asami Chiba drove past Marina Maslyonko of Kazakhstan in the last 20m to take second place.

**18:07** Daniyar Kobonov scored a thrilling final vic-

tory over Tsukasa Tsurumaki to take Kyrgyzstan's first Asian Games gold medal in the men's 74kg Greco-Roman wrestling at Huagong Gymnasium.

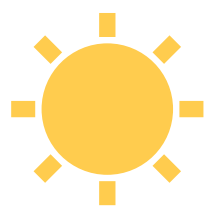
Tsurumaki, Japan's 2010 national champion, won the early battle for position and looked set to score, but Kobonov was able to hold off his attacks.

The bout was scoreless going into the 90-second *par terre*, when Kobonov defended against Tsurumaki's top position to win the period 1-0.

The second period was also tied 0-0 going into *par terre*. Kobonov worked around Tsurumaki's body and executed a gutsy body throw and roll to finish out the period 5-0.

**19:35** Yang Yansheng claimed China's first gold in the men's pole vault since Liang Xueren won at the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing.

Yang, who won the bronze medal in Doha, exacted some measure of revenge over Leonid Andreev of Uzbekistan, the silver medalist four years ago.



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**Sunny**  
Max **26°C**  
Min **16°C**  
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