



Yulo Conquers Men's Vault Finals

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The World Artistic Gymnastics Championships, held on October 19 to 25 brought together gymnasts from over 70 nations, to compete in Jakarta, Indonesia. Representing the Philippines, one athlete stood beyond rest in the men's vault category. Carlos Edriel Yulo, who averaged a score of 14.866, showcased his skill and resilience, with his world championship medal tally standing at 8, now including his newly earned gold medal from Men's Vault Final event and bronze medal from the Floor Exercise event.

Carlos Yulo, reflected on the mix of focus and happiness that he felt after sticking the landing during the men's vault event, which won him gold. Yulo emphasized that perseverance and great effort can lead to progress and success, saying,

“Southeast Asia is really good at gymnastics, but as Southeast Asians, we can definitely improve more. We just need to keep trying and trying. It doesn't matter how many times we fail, as long as we're trying, we can improve something on it.”

The event was hosted at the Indonesia Arena, located within the Gelora Bung Karno Sports Complex. This year's championships also marked the first time that Southeast Asia was the host. Athletes from around the globe battled for apparatus world titles, ready to display their remarkable skills and talents, through their outstanding performances. The events in this competition include Vault, Floor, Horizontal Bars, Parallel Bars, Balance Beam, Floor Exercise, Uneven Bars, Still Rings, and Pommel Horse.

Winning the overall medal standings, China emerged victorious, clinching 3 gold, 1 silver, and 3 bronze medals. Japan followed closely after, securing 2 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze medals. Winning the Men's All-Round Final, Hashimoto Daiki, representing Japan with 85.131 points, while Angelina Melnikova was crowned champion of the Women's All-Round Final, winning 55.066 points, despite competing as an Individual Neutral Athlete. Listed below are the results of each event.

Event	Champion	Nationality	Score
Women's All-Around Final	Angelina Melnikova	Individual Neutral Athlete	55.066
Men's All-Around Final	Hashimoto Daiki	Japan	85.131
Men's Horizontal Bar	Brody Malone	USA	14.933
Women's Floor Exercise	Sugihara Aiko	Japan	13.833
Men's Parallel Bars Final	Zou Jingyuan	China	15.300
Women's Balance Beam Final	Zhang Qingying	China	15.166
Men's Vault Final	Carlos Edriel Yulo	Philippines	14.866
Men's Still Rings Final	Donnell Whittenburg	USA	14.700
Women's Uneven Bars Final	Kaylia Nemour	Algeria	15.566
Men's Pommel Horse Final	Hong Yanming	China	14.600
Women's Vault Final	Angelina Melnikova	Individual Neutral Athlete	14.466
Men's Floor Final	Jake Jarman	United Kingdom of	14.866

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As the event came to a close, the 2025 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships left behind more than just scores and awards, it also celebrated courage, and commitment. But in the end, the competition does not just celebrate who wins the most medals, what matters more is that these athletes had the thrill of competing against many others, showcasing their own, and seeing others' skill in motion. As these athletes depart, they all take with them lasting memories of inspiration, reminding them that winning goes beyond their awards and achievements, winning also shows their efforts, passion, and dedication to their craft.