

Western Province dominates



2012 National Sports Festival champions Western Province receiving the President's Trophy from chief guest MP Namal Rajapaksa and Western Province Sports Minister Upali Kodikara



Best Women Athlete and fastest woman Jani Chathurangi (right) winning the 100m final



Chaminda Wijekoon (#468) leading in the Men's 1500m final



Women's 4x400m champions Western Province team



Men's 4x400m champions Southern Province team



Mohamed Safran (centre) of Southern Province winning the 100 metres final



Best Men's Athlete Manjula Kumara taking the winning leap in the men's high jump final. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

Western Province once again emerged overall champions and won the coveted President's Trophy with superior performance winning 78 gold medals at the 38th National Sports Festival which concluded at the Sugathadasa Stadium. Central Province bagged 35 golds to become second while Wayamba

secured third place their 28 gold medals. North Western Province's Jani Chathurangi won the Best Women's Athlete award for her impressive performance in the 100m sprint final and Sri Lanka's high jump record holder Manjula Kumara won the Best Men's Athlete award.

Chathurangi became the fastest woman in this year as she finished women's 100m in 11.78 seconds. Jani was unable to break the National

Sports Festival record of Sri Lanka's Olympic silver medalist Susanthika Jayasinghe's 11.38 seconds set in 2000. Southern Province's Sujani Buddhika finished second clocking 11.88.

Sri Lanka's high jump record holder Manjula Kumara stole the lime light in the 38th edition of the national games as he set a new meet record, leaping 2.23 metres improving his own record of 2.20 set in 2011.

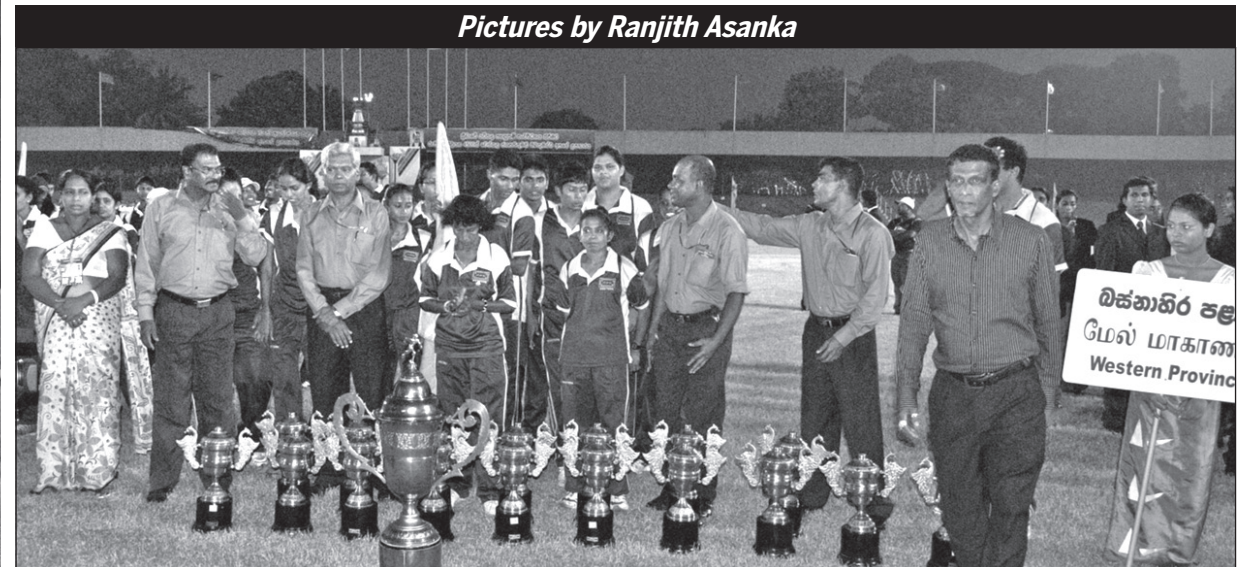


Manjula Kumara, who was adjudged as the best Men's Athlete receives his trophy from Hambantota District MP Namal Rajapaksa after the conclusion of the National Sports Festival at Sugathadasa Stadium on Sunday



Jani Chathurangi who was adjudged best Women's Athlete receives her trophy from MP for Hambantota District Namal Rajapaksa after the conclusion of the National Sports Festival at the Sugathadasa Stadium on Sunday

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Overall Champions Western Province team