

Guizhou delegation performs at the Ninth National Traditional Games of Ethnic Minorities.

Tightrope drama in gala games

By LEE HANNON "Someone is going to get hurt today" - that was my initial thought as I walked into the sta-

dium and first set eyes on Chinese tightrope walker Adili Wuxor. The ethnic Uighur from Xinjiang province, dubbed the Prince of Tightrope Walking, was pre-

cariously edging along a 20-meterhigh wire without a safety net. His hair-raising act is one of 186 demonstration events at the Ninth National Traditional Games

of Ethnic Minorities in Southwest China's Guizhou province. It was clear some members of the

crowd didn't have the gall to watch. Their fears were justified. When

he was just 20 years old, the gutsy daredevil fell 21 meters to the ground performing the heart-stopping stunt, leaving him in a coma with 17 broken bones.

Undeterred by his life-threatening injuries and several months in the hospital, he resumed the familv tradition passed down for six generations, performing at every ethnic games gala since 1982.

Now 40 years old, he tiptoed, somersaulted, jumped — and at one point slid – across the thin wire with plastic plates on his feet, without the slightest form of any

safety device.

Screams, gasps and applause echoed around Guizhou New Stadium followed by cheers and some audible sighs of relief as he successfully crossed the wire and rappelled to ground unscathed.

I am proud to take part," he said with his feet firmly on terra firma. "This is a big event for ethnic groups all over China and I have been taking part in this since I was a boy."

The recklessly bold performer has become a celebrity since joining the Uighur tradition of tightrope tricks against his father's will when he was just 10 years old.

In 1997, he walked on a high wire 400 meters above the Yangtze River, crossing in just 13 minutes and 48 seconds. It broke the previous Guinness World Record of 53 minutes and 10 seconds set by Canadian Jay Cochrane in 1995.

He has now started a training school for high wire walking and hopes to have the stunt included as a competition in the 2019 Ethnic Games

He departed the stadium while dancing to traditional Uyghur music, arms outstretched, shoulders shaking, as the crowd offered rapturous applause.

The carnival atmosphere of the

games is a culture within itself. Part circus with an element of cave man, it offers a glimpse of what the "China's Got Talent" television program might have looked like of it was around thousands of years ago.

A group of nine people from the Hui ethnicity in Anhui province began a game of catch with 8 kg bricks that have metal handles attached in what is known as the stone lock.

The sport dates back to the Tang dynasty (618-907), when it was used it for training soldiers.

Group member Xue ZhouXun said they occasionally suffer injuries, but nobody is that concerned. "The hardest one is throwing it backward through your legs to another person," he added.

The next act to captivate the crowd was a Miao performance of walking barefoot on sloping blade in a show of courage. The event is meant as entertainment, but also carries a symbolic meaning that some things may be easy to climb, but harder to descend.

It is a message not lost even the youngest members of the audience. As crowds filtered from the stadium, a young boy no older than five stamps along the street repeatedly chanting "climb the black mountain, jump down to the fiery sea".

Pearl Ball: Manchu competition now enjoyed by varied players

By QIU BO

A brief stop in play was called at the request of a player from Chongqing, who helped up his opponent from Guizhou.

The player had fallen to the floor during the Pearl Ball competition at the ninth National Ethnic Games underway in Guiyang. Though the traditional Man-

chu sport of Pearl Ball "may be one most competitive" among the games' many sports, "it is still concentrated on harmony", said a referee surnamed Xian, noting friendly competition is encouraged.

The sport has its roots in pearl diving. The pitch is 28 meters by 15 meters and is separated into three areas competition, defense and scoring zones.

Xian made his remarks while officiating the game between Guizhou and Chongqing at Guiyang gymnasium with at least 300 spectators in attendance.

Spectators fully packed the hall 10 minutes before competition started. At least a dozen security guards and more than 20 volunteers stood by to guarantee the games ran smoothly.

Each team has six athletes: three in the competitive zone. two with rackets in the defense zone and one defending the net.

"It's like basketball games, with players all wearing basketball shirts and three referees at the game with assistance from statisticians," said Xian.

He added that the State Ethnic Affairs Commission is planning to start a nationwide match league for the game.

"It's one of the minority games that has a bigger opportunity to became a modern sport," he said. A 28-year-old college teacher from the United States named Katherine was among the crowd of fans. It is her first time to watch such a sport.

"I would like to learn more about it," she said. "It has many similarities with basketball." Katherine has been working

for Guizhou University for a year and she has many students from various ethnic groups.

"I hope more people from the Western world would visit Guizhou and get to know the cultures of the minorities."

"We established a training camp for two months before the game," said Lan Nan, a 26-year-old player from the She ethnic group that lives in Fujian, Zhejiang, Jiangxi and Guangdong provinces.

Lan plays for Team Zhejiang, whose 14 players have an average age of 20.

"All of us took days off from schools to play," he said, noting that all his teammates are from the She ethnic group.

"Though we didn't create the game, it is very popular among the us," Lan said.

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Pearl Ball at the ninth National Ethnic Games.



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