WHY HE'S A RESERVE

"Other than speed, the additional criteria for the relay team include skills like take-off accuracy and baton-passing accuracy. When that was taken into consideration, I had to rank him as a reserve."

ULI KUNST, Singapore relay coach

UPSET: Seng Song is also unhappy that newcomer Muthukumaran was given the nod ahead of him.

Seng Song quits 4x100m team

He objects to being a reserve despite being second fastest

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SINGAPORE sprinter Poh Seng Song has withdrawn himself from the men’s 4x100 metres relay squad for the South-east Asia Games.

Poh, who represented Singapore in the 100m at the Athens Olympics last year, acted in protest over national relay coach Uli Kunst’s decision to make him a reserve in the five-man team for the Nov 27-Dec 5 Games in Manila.

The other four members are Shameer Ayub, Erzalmaniq Rawi, Alfred Sim and R. Muthukumaran.

Poh, 22, told The Straits Times yesterday that he pulled out because he felt unfairly treated by Kunst.

"I want to go to the SEA Games but I don’t want to be in a team that’s so unfair," he said.

"I’ve been turning up for training regularly since March and I’m the second fastest in the year.

"The fastest four runners should run in the SEA Games, but his ideas are different. I can’t work with him."

Poh’s season best of 10.76sec puts him be-