

Gunning for back-to-back victories

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KOTA KINABALU: Sabah's women's futsal squad is determined to do one step better when they resume their challenge in the Felda/FAM National Women's Futsal League 2011/2012 in Shah Alam, this weekend.

After kicking off their campaign with a defeat and a win late last month, Sabah's women's squad, which is under the watchful eyes of former State skipper Jelius Ating, is eyeing to return home with maximum points in the group stage of the league.

Sabah take on Selangor MBPJ and Kedah in Group A battles.

Jelius hoped their outing this weekend would yield back-to-back victories, to help strengthen their place in the standings and eventually qualify for the next round.

Sabah will meet Selangor MBPJ FC at 9am on Saturday (Jan 14), while the match against Kedah will be at 2pm the following day.

In the opening two games, Sabah lost 0-2 to defending champions Selangor before defeating Perlis with an identical scoreline.

Jelius said with only one win in hand the team must take advantage of every opportunity to accumulate as many points as possible.

On hand to meet the team before their departure at 7am yesterday was Sabah FA Women's Unit Committee Chairman, Datin Malianah Ugau.

Also present was Sabah FA Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee technical officer, Junaidi Ahmad Fauzi, team manager, Julia Sukaron and assistant coach, Beatrice Yaw.

Meanwhile, Sabah's matches in the coming two weeks will be against Johor SAJ/Kencana and Selangor PKNS FC on January 28 and 29 in Alor Setar, Kedah. They will conclude their group fixtures against KL Felda United FC on February 25 in Shah Alam.

Sabah's players travelling to Shah Alam this weekend include Asma binti Junaidi,



RARING TO GO ... (seated L-R) Beatrice, Jelius, Malianah, Junaidi and Julia together with members of the State Futsal Women's team yesterday.

Attica Baptis Mairon, Cynthia Ami, Eslilah Esar, Lovelytha Jelus and Marcella Ramli.

The others are Marcia Munchin, Maznah Ali, Marisa

Juanis, Pedrolia Martin, Rozeinie Dusilah and Petronella Douny.

The State is also represented by Sabah UMS FC in

the same tournament.

UMS FC is competing in the Group B challenge with the likes of PDRM, Terengganu Permaisuri FC, UiTM

FC and Sarawak DBKU.

In the earlier fixtures they beat KL Putra Ria 9-2 and won 7-1 against Armed Forces.