

# UMS meet University Malaya in higher learning institutions football league

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will host University Malaya (UM) in their opening match of the Institutions of Higher Learning Division One football league at UMS Stadium here today.

Director of UMS Sports Centre Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah said the UMS squad will have former state footballers David Johnny and Faizal Marjus guiding them in the league this year.

"It is the third straight year that UMS play in the Division One League and we target a top four finish in the eight-team competition," he said.

The tournament comprises three divisions made up of teams from institutions of higher learning under the Higher Education Ministry and recognised by the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM).

The other teams in the division one are UiTM, Kolej Komuniti Kedah, UKM, MMU, UTHM and Politeknik Kota Bharu.

The tournament started yesterday where UiTM took on Kolej Komuniti Kedah, the champions and runners-up last year, in the Charity Shield match in Selangor.



READY ... the UMS football squad to take on University Malaya today.

In other development, Asyraaf said the UMS women's futsal squad will take on DBKU Sarawak and Terengganu Permaisuri in the Felda-FAM National Futsal League at Triways Sports Complex this weekend.

UMS have already secured a place in the Grand Finals but

Asyraaf said they are out to finish as high as possible in the eight-team Group B.

"We are assured of a top four finish. That said, we still need to win the remaining matches to finish second in the group stages," said Asyraaf who is also the chief coach of UMS women's team.

UMS have three wins and one defeat in their past matches where they beat KL Putra Ria 9-2, the Armed Forces (ATM) 7-2 and the Royal Malaysian Police Force (PDRM) 7-0.

The only defeat came at the hands of current leaders Selangor MPSJ FC 0-3.