

UMS on winning start

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah got off to a flying start when they beat Sabah Community College (Tawau) 3-0 in the Higher Learning Institution (IPT) Football League match at the UMS Stadium here, Saturday.

UMS Sports Centre director, Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah said first half goals from A. Habbibbi Ambo and Muhammad Fuad Mamat helped clinch the win in the Borneo Division match.

"Habbibbi opened the account with a goal in the 21st minute, while Fuad made it 2-0 four minutes later before scoring again in the 36th minute.

"Both teams were equally matched in the second half but UMS did well to defend their lead until the end," said Asyraaf.

Two international students



Asyraaf (seated centre) with the UMS IPT League Borneo Division squad.

helped to strengthen the UMS squad.

"Centre back, Abdurrahman Burak from Turkey was influential in the team's solid defence. We also have another foreign student on the team, Muhammad Ali from Tanzania," he said.

The team, coached by David Johnny@Mohd Ayman will face UiTM Sarawak at the UMS Stadium on Friday (May 17).

They will host Politeknik Mukah in another match two days later before travelling away to meet Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) on May 24.

A total of seven teams are competing in the Borneo Division. The other two are Politeknik Kuching and Kolej Yayasan Sabah.

The IPT League also has three other divisions for peninsula state

teams. The winner of the Borneo Division will compete in the knock-out stage where 15 other teams will join the fray.

They include all eight teams from Division I, the top four teams from Division II, top two teams from Division III and the winner in the play-off between the runner-up in the Borneo Division and the winner from the Qualifying Zone Final Round.