

# UMS lift KK Rugby League Division Two title

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Rugby team emerged Champions in Division two of the Kota Kinabalu Rugby League after beating Kepayan Tigers 22-7 points in the final at the Sukma field here over the weekend.

This victory also ensured the UMS team will compete in Division One of the league next season.

UMS, powered by international student from Fiji, Apisai Rinamaro, opened the score in the 17th minute. But the team failed in the conversion executed by another international student from Fiji, Abbo Livani.

Kepayan Tigers player was given the yellow card before being given the marching orders for 10 minutes in the 24th minute.



**CHAMPIONS...** UMS players pose with the Champions trophy in a group photo with Dr Nizam (right).

UMS capitalised on the chance to add points with a try by captain Deirdre Daryl Dasing in the 27th minute. UMS led Kepayan Tigers 10-0 points in the first half.

In the second half, UMS increased their points through Faiz Akmal in the 54th minute, but Livani's conversion for the third time failed again.

In an attempt to score for Kepayan Tigers, Mohd Luqman's solo run in the 65th minute failed while Livani successfully converted to put UMS far ahead at 22-0.

Kepayan Tigers were finally rewarded with a try and

conversion by Noraffendy Khamis in the 76th minute.

The match ended with UMS sealing 22-7 victory over their opponents.

UMS Rugby Club advisor Dr Mohamad Nizam Nazarudin said UMS were rewarded for their hard work.

He hoped that UMS team would be given the opportunity to compete in the Inter-Universities (MASUM) tournament in the future.

Dr Nizam, who is also chairman of the Sabah Rugby Union Referee, presented the prizes to the winners.