

UMS-Unimap women's futsal decider

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) women's team marched into the final of the futsal event at the 38th Malaysian Universities Inter-Staff Games that is being held in Johor.

They clinched their ticket after registering a comfortable 4-0 victory over the host team Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) in the semi-final played at the Daiman Sports Arena in Skudai yesterday.

They will meet defending champion, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (Unimap), whom they demolished 5-0 in the group stage, in today's

final.

Unimap claimed their final ticket after thrashing Universiti Tun Hussein Onn (UTHM) 7-1 in the other semis.

Yesterday, Jamilah Gumu drew first blood for UMS by netting home the opener after five minutes of play.

Agustina Petrus scored the second two minutes later followed by Gill Mc Alisa efforts in the 13th minute. Evra Malubin then sealed UMS victory with the fourth late on.

UMS Sports Centre Director, who is also the head coach for the UMS women futsal team, Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah said he was delighted that his side has made it into the final.

"Congratulations to the

players for making the final. They have been excellent since day one of the competition, and have been working hard to have reached this far.

"But the battle is far from over, as we still have a game to play. The target is to try to win the final," said Asyraaf when contacted yesterday.

"We have defeated them quite comfortably in the group stage, but this is not a good reason for us to think that this is going to be an easy game.

"I predict that this is going to be a tough outing as they are the defending champion, and they have every reason to up their game after their defeat to us in our first meeting.

"Nevertheless, I remain upbeat about our chances. As



NOW FOR THE FINAL ... Asyraaf (standing right) with his team after their semi-final victory over UTM yesterday.

long as the players play to their best, we will get the desirable

result," he added.

Besides the women futsal,

UMS is also competing in the bowling event.