

UMS women's team close to futsal gold

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) women's team are just one match away from clinching the futsal gold at the 38th Public Institutes of Higher Learning (IPTA) Annual Staff Games in Johor Bahru.

UMS earned today's final ticket after beating host UTM 4-0 in the semifinals yesterday, UMS Sports Centre director Mohd Asyraaf Fong Abdullah said.

Jamilah Gumu gave UMS a perfect start with a fifth minute strike before Agustina Petrus doubled the tally just two minutes later.

Goals from Gill McAlisa in the 13th minute and Evra Malubin on 17 minutes wrapped up a comfortable win for UMS.

Meanwhile, UMS will head into today's final holding the upper hand over their rivals and defending champions Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP). This is despite UniMAP recording a handsome 7-1 win over Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) in the other semifinals.

However, UMS will be motivated in the final having claimed a massive 5-0 win over UniMAP in the early rounds of the women's futsal competition.

UMS also defeated Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) 3-1 in their other preliminary match to remain unbeaten en route to the final.