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A battle of polytech boys

Kota Baru branch comes out victorious in futsal final

POLITEKNIK Kota Baru A became the men's Under-23 category champions in the grand finals of the Kosmo Varsity futsal circuit at the UPM Complex in Serdang recently.

In the keenly-contested final, Politeknik Kota Baru A edged Politeknik Sultan Salehuddin Abdul Aziz Shah by a solitary goal.

As the champions, Politeknik

Kota Baru A received a challenge trophy as well as RM15,000 and other prizes, while Politeknik Sultan Salehuddin Abdul Aziz Shah settled for RM10,000.

The grand finals was a culmination of the four regional circuits held in Selangor, Penang, Kelantan and Johor.

A total of 120 teams took part in each of the regional competition

which had four categories – men's open, men's under-19, men's under-23 and women's open.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin, who gave away the prizes, said the tournament was a good platform to unearth talents among students from both the public and private universities.

"We want more tournaments of such nature to be held in an effort to inculcate the habit of sportmanship among students," he said.

The tournament was initiated in 2005 to promote a sporting culture in the higher learning institutions.

The inaugural season had only one category – men's open and attracted 250 teams.

But the circuit had grown from strength to strength and a total 500 teams took part in this year's competition.

The circuit, supported by Revive, Vico, Brylcreem, Mister Potato and Antabax, offered prizes worth RM200,000.

The organisers have reasons to be

proud of as several players in the national futsal squads (senior and under-23) were selected from the Kosmo-Varsity Futsal circuit in 2007.

RESULTS

MEN

Under-19: 1. Stronghold (UITM Penang); 2. Kota Utara FC (SMK Kota Baru, Kelantan); 3. Kenari 90 (SMK Bandaraya)

Under-23: 1. Politeknik KB A; 2. Politeknik Sultan Salehuddin Abdul Aziz Shah; 3. Suksis UM.

Open: 1. MMU Senior A; 2. Just Enjoy IPB; 3. FSS Evo UKKL UPSI A.

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