Five teams fighting for last four spots

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KUALA LUMPUR: University Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) recorded back-to-back victories in the Uni College Basketball League (UCBL) at the UPM Indoor Basketball Court in Serdang last weekend.

UTAR started their campaign with a 74-57 victory over Universiti Malaya with Teh Kah Chun scoring 19 points on Saturday.

A day later, UTAR endured a nerve-wrecking fourth quarter before edging Inti International University 76-72.

Inti’s Anaclet Kuete scored 42 points but his efforts were not enough to deny UTAR victory.

UTAR coach Lim Chee Kian said his cagers managed to raise their game to record the two important victories.

“We needed to win to stay on course for a place in the semi-finals. However, it will be tough next week as we are playing favourites Help University College,” said Chee Kian.

“Help are a good team as they have many foreign players. We will prepare hard for the match.”

UTAR are now second in the UCBL standings, behind the unbeaten Help University College side, with 13 points.

The competition is getting keener with five teams — Help, UTAR, Inti, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), and UM, all having an equal chance of qualifying for the semi-finals, with two rounds of matches remaining.

The league, jointly organised by MVP Marketing Sdn Bhd and the Higher Education Ministry, is sponsored by Admiral and Revive.

The top scorers were Anaclet Kuete (INTI) 241 points, Michael Ogheheme (HELP) 189, Ahmed Temitope (HELP) 150, Teng Kah Chun (UTAR) 115, and Leow Chee Ching (INTI) 110.

The top assists were Michael Ogheheme (HELP) 63, Anaclet Kuete (INTI) 52, Leow Chee Ching (INTI) 41, Teng Kah Chun (UTAR) 28, and Wee Khai Han (INTI) 24.

The top three-pointers were Anaclet Kuete (INTI) 36, Wee Khai Han (INTI) 24, Teng Kah Chun (UTAR) 21, and Lim Chee Ching (INTI) 19.

The top steals were Michael Ogheheme (HELP) 42, Anaclet Kuete (INTI) 24, Teng Kah Chun (UTAR) 21, and Wee Khai Han (INTI) 16.

The top blocks were Michael Ogheheme (HELP) 20, Anaclet Kuete (INTI) 17, Teng Kah Chun (UTAR) 16, and Leow Chee Ching (INTI) 14.