

Blackhawks back with a bang

DATELINE RMAF Blackhawks marked their return to the Super League with a bang by upsetting defending champions Tunku Mahkota Ismail Sports School (SSTMI) yesterday.

The Group A encounter saw Ridzhuan Noh, Ahmad Farhan Azizan and Fijian import Elia Demesio, who was making his debut for the club, scoring the tries to give Blackhawks a well deserved 22-15 win at the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) campus in Serdang. Johor-based SSTMI had also won the Super Cup last year.

Blackhawks will face 2013 finalists UiTM Lions on Sunday.

Blackhawks were relegated to the National Inter-Club Championships

(NICC) after withdrawing from the Super League last year due to a lack of players.

They, however, secured promotion to the Super League after finishing second in the NICC last month. The club have never made the final of the Super League.

The other Group A match played yesterday saw former two-time winners Cobra downing Mersing Eagles 22-12.

In Group B, JIJ Armed Forces eased past Negri Sembilan Wanderers 33-14 while Keris Conlay bagged maximum points with a 48-22 win over newly promoted Politeknik Malaysia. All matches were played at UPM. **By Fadhli Ishak**