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Badminton-Malaysian Open (morning)

EWE HOCK AND RASHID SIDEK CRUISE INTO SECOND ROUND

KOTA KINABALU, July 9 (Bernama) -- Defending champions Ong Ewe Hock and Olympic bronze medallist Rashid Sidek began their challenge of the US\$180,000 (RM450,000) Malaysian Open badminton meet here today with impressive victories to cruise into the second round.

Ewe Hock, who defeated Indonesia's Indra Wijaya in the final last year, needed only 30 minutes to dispose of Brunei's Mohamad Junid 15-1, 15-3 to set up a second round showdown with compatriot Mahathir Mustafa tonight.

Three-time champion Rashid, seeded fourth in the championship, outclassed Japan's hopeful Fumihiko Machida 15-10, 15-6 in 45 minutes.

The Nusa Mashuri shuttler, however, had to produce his best in the first set with excellent drop shots and net play to brush off a strong challenge from Fumihiko.

Top seed and former world champion Joko Suprianto, who had been given a bye in the first round following Wong Ewee Mun's withdrawal, will meet Malaysia's Malik Zainal in the second round. Taiwan Open winner and Peter Gade Christensen, who had been seeded third, also overcome the first hurdle with 15-0,15-0 victory over Lim Kearn Meng of Malaysia.

Morning results:

Men's singles (first round)

Malik Zainal (MAS) bt Osman Azahawari (MAS) 15-1,6-15, 15-4, Yim Jae Sung bt Thomas Sogaard (Den) 15-6, 4-15, 15-11, Palyama Dicky (NED) bt Chaw Chen Syong (MAS) 15-7, 15-7, Luo Yigang (CHN) bt Ong Huck Lee (MAS) 15-9, 15-9, Huang Yeu Der bt Kinnunen Ville (FIN) 15-12, 15-11, Yong Hock Kin (MAS) bt Sumirat Adi (MAS) 15-2,15-3, Roslin Hashim (MAS) bt Suka Takahiro (JAP) 15-11, 15-6, Rashid Sidek (MAS) bt Fumihiko Machida (JAP) 15-10,15-6, Kim Hyung Joon (KOR) bt Peter Knowles (ENG) 15-7, 13-15,15-2, Agus Salim (INA) bt Mayward Ian (GER) 15-10,15-2, Azizan Ariffin (MAS) bt Haji Ahmad (BRU) 15-9,15-2, Fung Permadi (TPE) bt Lo Ah Heng (MAS) 15-3,15-8, Nathan Ramesh (MAS) bt Yau Kwun Yuen (HKG) 15-3, 15-8, Hermawan Susanto (INA) bt M. Subramanian (MAS) 15-3, 15-7, Zhu Feng (CHN) bt Sidney Michael (MAS) 15-12, 15-9, Chen Hong (CHN) bt Yuza Kubota (JAP) 17-14,5-15, 17-16, Ng Kean Kok (MAS) v Charles Khoo (MAS) 15-6,15-6, Siew Yian Wai (MAS) bt A. Thanabalan (MAS) 15-14,15-14, Alan Budi Kusuma bt A'Amar Hashim (MAS) 15-5, 15-1, Samad Ismail (MAS) bt Feng Horng Yun 15-8,15-7, Wong Choon Hann (MAS) bt Takuya Katamaya (JAP) 15-4,15-0, Pei Wei Chung (MAS) w.o Kenneth Erichsen (GUA), Peter Gade Christensen (DEN) bt Lim Kearn Meng (MAS) 15-0,15-0, Tan Sian Peng (SIN) bt Fong Po Weng (MAS) 15-7,15-2, Hwang Sun Ho bt Ilkka Nyqvist (Fin) 15-9,15-1, Hidetaka Yamada (JAP) bt S. Chandran (MAS) 15-11, 15-8, Budi Santoso (INA) bt Kantharoopan Ponniah (MAS) 15-9, 18-16, Ji Xinpeng (CHN) v Foo Yoon Keang (MAS) 15-9, 15-13, Jeroen Van Duk (NED) bt Taufik Hidayat (INA) 7-15, 15-8, 18-13, Mahathir Mustafa (MAS) bt Liu Kwok Wa (HKG) 15-10,15-9, Ong Ewe Hock (MAS) bt Mohamad Junid (BRU) 15-1, 15-3. -- BERNAMA

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