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Sukma-Badminton

FAVOURITES KL BEAT PERAK TO ENTER FINAL

SHAH ALAM, April 21 (Bernama) -- Defending champions Kuala Lumpur, powered by two national back-up squad players, beat Perak 3-0 in the men's badminton semifinals in the 7th Malaysia Games today.

Kuala Lumpur's Yap Yen Jyen and Ramesh Nathan lived up to expectations when they won the first and second singles respectively at the SBA Hall in Kuala Lumpur.

However, Yen Jyen was made to toil for a 17-16, 17-15 win over Yeoh Kay Bin.

The second singles was expected to be a closer affair but Ramesh disposed of fellow BAM player Lee Tsuen Seng 15-12, 15-10.

Mahathir Mustafa and M. Subramaniam completed the rout for Kuala Lumpur when they beat Song Weng Yee-Yeoh Kay Bin 15-4, 15-12.

Kuala Lumpur coach M.Krishnan said they would be banking on Ramesh and Yen Jyen to deliver the points in the final against Selangor tomorrow.

"Our chances are 50-50 but I believe our players can pull it off," Kuala Lumpur team manager M. Siva Shanmugam said.

In the other semifinals, Selangor beat Pulau Pinang 2-1 in a closely contested match.

Selangor suffered an early setback when Tan Soo Sen was beaten by Pulau Pinang's Khor Eng Chun 8-15, 10-15 in the opening singles.

It was then left to Thomas Cup trainee Chan Chong Ming to redeem Selangor's pride in the doubles, and he duly did his job despite being given a scare by the Pulau Pinang pair.

Chong Ming and Yap Wee Ming lost the first set 2-15 to Lim Theam Teow and Khoo Kok Kheng but came back strongly to win the next two sets 15-4, 15-6.

After a short break, Theam Teow was back on court again for the deciding singles against Siew Yan Wai.

Yan Wai won 15-12, 15-14 to put Selangor in the final.

RESULTS

Men's semifinals

Kuala Lumpur bt Perak 3-0

Yap Yen Jyen bt Yeoh Kay Bin 17-16, 17-15; Ramesh Nathan bt Lee Tsuen Seng 15-12, 15-10; Mahathir Mustafa/M.Subramaniam bt Song Weng Yee/Kay Bin 15-4, 15-12.

Selangor bt Pulau Pinang 2-1

Tan Soo Sen lost to Khor Eng Chun 8-15, 10-15; Siew Yan Wai bt Lim Theam Teow 15-12, 15-14; Chan Chong Ming/Yap Wee Ming bt Lim Theam Teow/Khoo Kok Kheng 2-15, 15-4, 15-6.

Women

Group B:

Pulau Pinang bt Pahang 3-0.

Cindy Lim bt Chew Pei Jin 11-1, 12-10; Chin Eei Hui bt Khor Yuh Fong 11-1, 11-3; Wong Siew Hong/Lee Siew May bt Leau Hui Ming/Ho Shuh Mei 15-6, 15-3.

Perak bt Kedah 2-1.

Lim Poh Ching bt Goi Bok Jia 11-6, 11-4; Tham Wai Bee lost to Ooi Chia

Ee 8-11, 7-11; Lim Poh Ching/Karen Lim bt Lau Hooi Woon/Ooi Chia Ee
15-8,15-4.

In the women's team event, Kuala Lumpur stormed into the final after humbling Sarawak 3-0. Woo Pui Kuan beat Andrea Chong of Sarawak 11-6, 11-2 in the first singles.

Ng Mee Feng confirmed Kuala Lumpur's ticket in the final with a 11-2, 11-2 win over Justina Annette. Sarawak's Ang Lee Ching-Andrea Chong lost to Kuala Lumpur's Kavitha-Ravinder in the doubles.

Kuala Lumpur will meet defending champions Selangor in the final.

Selangor, who are represented by a new batch of players in this Sukma, beat Pulau Pinang 2-1 in the other semifinal.

Lee Winnie thrashed Wong Siew Hong of Pulau Pinang 11-5, 11-1 but Chin Bee Mui of Pulau Pinang came back from one set down to level the score. She beat Wong Pet Tty 6-11, 11-6, 12-11.

Selangor clinched their final berth when Lee Winnie-Chong Nga Fang beat Chin Bee Mui-Wong Siew Hong 15-10, 13-15 in the doubles.

Earlier, Perak grabbed the men's team bronze when they outplayed Pulau Pinang 3-0.

RESULTS:

Men:

Third placing

Perak bt Pulau Pinang 3-0.

Lee Tsuen Seng bt Lim Theam Theow 15-12, 15-10; Yeoh Kay Bin bt Khor Eng Chun 15-3, 15-8; Seong Weng Yee/Yeoh Kay Bin bt Lim Theam Teow/Khoo Kok Kheng 6-15, 15-11, 3-5 (rtd).

Women:

Semifinals

Kuala Lumpur bt Sarawak 3-0.

Woo Pui Kuan bt Andrea Chong 11-6, 11-2; Ng Mee Feng bt Justina Annette 11-2, 11-2; Kavitha Kaur/Ravinder bt Ang Lee Ching/Andrea Chong 15-3, 15-1.

Selangor bt Pulau Pinang 2-1.

Lee Winnie bt Wong Siew Hong 11-5, 11-1; Wong Pet Tty lost to Chin Bei Mui 11-6, 6-11, 11-12; Lee Winnie/Chong Nga Fang bt Bei Mui/Siew Hong 15-10, 15-13.

Tomorrow's fixtures:

Third placing:

Women

Sarawak vs Pulau Pinang (9am)

Final:

Men

Selangor vs Kuala Lumpur (6.30pm)

Women

Selangor vs Kuala Lumpur (6.30 pm)

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