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Sukma-Badminton

KUALA LUMPUR GRAB BOTH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAM GOLDS

SHAH ALAM, April 22 (Bernama) -- Kuala Lumpur grabbed both the Malaysia Games (Sukma) men's and women's badminton team event golds after defeating their arch rivals Selangor in matches played at the SBA Hall at Kampung Attap today.

The Kuala Lumpur men's team, which was powered by the national reserve team members Ramesh Nathan, Mahathir Mustafa and Yap Yen Jyen, employed good strategy to beat their opponent 2-1.

"I instructed my two singles players to win their matches because our doubles pair is weak," said KL coach M. Krishna.

He played Ramesh in the first singles and Yen Jyen in the second singles so that Ramesh could be rested before playing in the doubles.

Kuala Lumpur got its winning point when Yen Jyen beat Selangor's Siew Yian Wai 12-15, 15-10, 15-9.

Selangor's Chan Chong Ming and Yap Wee Ming defeated KL's Ramesh Nathan-Mahathir Mustafa 15-7, 15-7 but the win did not matter.

"We used the same strategy in the women's team event and played Ng Mee Fen in the first singles and rested her for the doubles," said Krishna.

He instructed his doubles pair to attack Selangor's Lee Winnie who was tired after winning her second singles match earlier, to win the match.

Earlier Pulau Pinang won the women's team bronze medal after defeating Sarawak 3-0.

Results:

Finals:

Men's Team:

Kuala Lumpur bt Selangor 2-1.

Ramesh Nathan bt Tan Soo Sen 15-4, 15-7; Yap Yen Jyen bt Siew Yian Wai 12-15, 15-10, 15-9; Ramesh Nathan/Mahathir Mustafa lost to Chan Chong Ming/Yap Wee Ming 7-15, 7-15.

Women's team

Kuala Lumpur bt Selangor

Ng Mee Fen mn Wong Miew Kheng 12-10, 11-7, Woo Pui Kuan kk Lee Winnie 4-11, 6-11; Ng Mee Fen/V.Kavitha bt Lee Winnie/Chong Nga Fan 15-8, 15-10.

Third placing:

Women's team

Pulau Pinang bt Sarawak 3-0.

Chin Ee Hui bt Justina Annette 11-5, 11-1; Cindy Lim bt Andrea Chong 11-1, 11-5; Chin Ee Hui/Wong Siew Hong bt Ang Lee Ching/Andrea Chong 15-5, 15-7. -- BERNAMA

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