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Badminton-Kelantan Open

ONG EWE HOCK ADVANCES TO 3RD ROUND OF KELANTAN BADMINTON OPEN

KOTA BAHARU, April 3 (Bernama) -- Topseed Ong Ewe Hock easily defeated Ali Aziz from Johor to advance to the third round of the Kelantan Badminton Open Championships at the Kelantan Badminton Association hall here today.

The All-England runner-up ousted the inexperienced Ali 15-3, 15-4 in 20 minutes.

Ewe Hock said after the match that he could not put up a good display because the court was slippery and the hall was too warm.

With the withdrawal of second-ranked Yong Hock Kin yesterday Ewe Hock is expected to have an easy ride into the finals where he is expected to meet third ranked Wong Ewe Mun on Sunday.

"I will treat this tournament as an important early preparatory meet before the Thomas Cup championship in May," he added.

Earlier, Ewe Mun disposed of Terengganu's Hoo Kin Thye 15-5, 15-7.

In another match Selangor's Sidney Michael caused a minor upset when he beat fourth seed Loh Ah Heng 15-5, 15-9.

Ewe Hock will meet Ng Kean Kok (BAM) in the third round tonight while Ewe Mun will play Lim Theam Teow (BAM).

Results (morning)

Men's singles 2nd rd: Ong Ewe Hock (BAM) bt Ali Aziz (Jh) 15-3, 15-4; Ng Kean Kok (BAM) bt Sairul Amar (Pr) 18-13, 12-15, 17-14; Sidney Michael (Sel) bt Lo Ah Heng (BAM) 15-5, 15-9; Foo Yoon Keang (BAM) bt Aamar Hashim (Pr) 15-8, 15-13; Wong Ewe Mun (BAM) bt Hoo Kin Thye (Tr) 15-5, 15-7; Lim Theam Teow (BAM) bt Mahathir Mustafa (BAM) 15-12, 15-3; Jason Wong (BAM) bt Quek Kee Koon (Kn) 15-8, 15-14; Yap Jong Jyen (BAM) bt Ng Kam Fook (Pp) 15-9, 15-3.

Yeoh Kay Bin (BAM) bt Kamaruddin Harun (Jh) 15-3 bt 15-5; Ramesh Nathan (BAM) bt Md Hamijuwari (Sel) 15-11, 15-2; Lee Tsuen Seng (BAM) bt Chong Chi How (Kn) 15-11, 15-6; Wong Choon Han (BAM) bt Rossizaidi Wahab (Pg) 15-0, 15-3; P. Kantharopan (BAM) bt Makhazim Mohamad (Pk) 2-15, 15-9, 15-1; James Chua (BAM) bt Adi Sumirat (Sel) 15-13, 15-5; and Siew Yien Wai (BAM) bt A. Razak Ibrahim (Joh) 15-5, 8-15, 15-2;

Women's singles 2nd rd: Woo Pui Kuan (KL) bt Tham Wai Soe (Pk) 11-5, 11-2; Sutheawari (BAM) bt Tan Seok Wei (Pg) 11-5, 11-10; Chong Ngan Fan (BAM) bt Karen Au Mun (Mk) 11-7, 11-4; Rashien Rahim (Kn) bt Ng Guek Luan (Pg) 11-4, 11-2; Hemalatha (BAM) bt Cindy Lim (Mk) 0-11, 12-9, 11-10;

Wong Pei Tty (Sel) bt Yong Siew Wai (Kn) 11-4, 11-2; Mee Fen (BAM) bt Justine Annetie (Mk) 11-1, 11-1. -- BERNAMA

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