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Siew springs shock win over Chua

FAVOURITES Selangor and Kuala Lumpur recorded victories in their opening matches against Sarawak and Kedah respectively in the men's badminton team event at the Selangor BA hall yesterday.

Selangor, powered by Commonwealth Games trainee Chan Chong Ming and national back-up squad players Siew Yan Wai, Yap Wee Meng and Tang Soo Sen, defeated Sarawak 3-0 while KL with the services of Ramesh Nathan, Yap Yong Jyen and Mahathir Mustafa ousted a fighting Kedah 2-1.

The first singles between Siew Yan Wai and James Chua in the Selangor-Sarawak tie was the highlight of the day as Siew scored an upset 15-17, 15-9, 15-4 win over Chua.

KL's Ramesh defeated Ng Kean Kok 15-10, 15-2. However, Kedah levelled at 1-1 through the doubles pair of Hong Cheng Hun-Chan Huan Choon who beat Ramesh-Mahathir Mustafa 15-13, 15-7.

Yap gave KL the winning point by edging Foo Yoon Kean 18-17, 18-14.

In the women's section, KL upstaged Selangor, who were tipped to win the gold medal, with a 3-0 win.

On the way to the victory, Academy player Ng mee Fen defeated Lee Winnie, the top seed in the singles event 11-5, 8-11, 11-8 while Woo Pui Kuan humbled Uber Cup player Wong Miew Kheng in straight games, 11-9, 11-4.

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