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Yong pulls out of Open owing to illness

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SECOND-ranked Malaysian Yong Hock Kin has pulled out of the Kelantan Open championships, which began in Kota Baru yesterday, owing to illness.

Kelantan BA secretary Nik Arif Nik Mansor said Hock Kin had to withdraw as he was not well.

"He has submitted a medical certificate certified by the National Sports Council's medical officer to the championship's honorary referee, Yap Tee Loy, this morning."

Hock Kin's withdrawal is expected to give an easy passage to topseed Ong Ewe Hock to lift the championship this time. Ewe Hock is expected to meet Wong Ewee Mun in the final on Sunday.

Meanwhile, with the top singles players only making their entrance today, the doubles pair of Adi Sumirat-Hamijuwari led Selangor's charge into the second round.

But the pair had to struggle to reach the next round as they came up against a tough Kelantan pair of Liew Nam Ming-Quek Kee Koon before winning 18-15, 18-16.

The Selangor pair, however, have a tougher task in the second round today.

They meet BAM pair of Chan Chong Ming-Jeremy Gan, the World and Asian junior champions two years ago.

RESULTS - Men's singles 1st rd: Aamar Hashim (Pr) bt Zainal Hafiz 15-11, 15-5; Mahathir Mustafa (BAM) w.o. Hoo Kim Loon (Pg); Ng Kam Fook (Pg) bt Khirul Sairi (Pk) 15-2, 15-12; Chong Chi How (Kel) bt Nor Azrul 15-9, 15-4 and Abdul Razak Ibrahim (Joh) w.o. Eko Hamiseno (Pg).

Doubles 1st rd: Song Weng Yee-Cheung Kah Wai (Pk) bt Ng Kam Fook-Zainul Hafiz (Pg) 15-4,15-8; Adi Sumirat-Hamijuwari (Sel) bt Liew Nam Min-Quek Kee Koon (Kel) 18-15, 18-16; Zulkifli Mat-Kamaluddin Haron (Joh) bt Rossiziadi-Khirul Salil (Pk) 15-2,15-3; Iskandar Asis-Liew Nam Min (Sel) w.o. Namrih Suruto-Troy Chandra (Pg); Fadzli Mat Arie-Jeremy Valberg (Sel) w.o. Lim Aik Seong-Fong Soo Wai (Ked); Mohamed Ridzuan-Nik Azarudi (Kel) w.o. Ho Kim Loong-Eko Hamiseno (Pg).

Women's singles (Junior): Rashleen Rahim (Kn) bt Hardiana Jalil (Joh) 11-3, 11-2; Karen Lim (Pk) w.o. Nik Hatikah (kn) w.o, Ooi Chia Hee (Kd) bt Chan Siew Wai (Kn) 11-5, 11-3; Wong Mew Bhoo (SL) bt Teo Hong Yew (Joh) 11-3, 11-9; Goh Yueh Siew (Mk) bt Yong Siew Sian (Kn) 11-5, 11-5; Ng Soo Hui (Joh) bt Ravinder Kaur (KL) 11-7, 11-6; Ho Shun Mei (Ph) bt Marilyn Pang (Pg) 11-7; 6-11, 11-8.

Women's Doubles: Wong Pei Ty-Wong Mew Choo (Sel) bt Karen Au Mun Yee-Juslina Annette (Mal) 15-6, 15-2; Tan Seok Wei-Lee Chiao Mei (Pg) w.o. Latifah Che Wan-Hanida Mansur (Kel); Lim Poh Ching-Karen Lim (Pk) bt Marilyn Pang-Ng Guek Luan (Pg) 15-9,15-6; Leau Hui Ming-Ho Shuh Mei (Pah) bt Lau Hooi Woon-Ooi Chia Ee (Ked) 15-7,15-9; Chin Eai Hui-Wong Siew Hong (Pg) bt Vicki Valerie Rodrigues-Cindy Lim Ai Lean (Mal) 15-7, 15-9.

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