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No replacement for Glanfield, yet

THE SRA of Malaysia (SRAM) will not engage a foreign coach to replace Richard Glanfield as Nicol David's future plans is yet to be finalised. SRAM acting president Datuk Mokhzani Mahathir said SRAM has faced a similiar situation during the days of Canadian Jamie Hickox whose contract was terminated in 1997 after initally guiding the men's squad, especially Ong Beng Hee, for almost four years.

Glanfield's contract will be terminated at the end of this month as SRAM feel that they need to have a fresh programme and new coaching setup to take Nicol to a higher level.

"We are not going to recruit a new foreign coach as Nicol's programme have yet to be finalised," said Mokhzani in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. We have to take into account as where she will be based, the cost, her future programme before making a decision.

"We faced a similiar situation in 1997 as Hickox left and Ong moved to better things under Neil Harvey.

"Glanfield has taken Nicol to a certain level and now we have to find solutions which could give the opportunity to realise her true potential."