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Double hockey crowns for SSMS

KOTA KINABALU: Sekolah Sukan Malaysia Sabah (SSMS) dominated in the TNB Cup Sabah Schools Hockey Champions League which ended at the Kota Kinabalu Sports Complex in Likas here yesterday.

Featuring its under-14 squad, SSMS won both the boys' and girls' titles in the competition pitting some of the top schools in the state.

In the boys' final, it was an exciting battle with attacks swinging from one end to the other with SSMS winning 4-1 against SMK Likas.

SSMS took a 1-0 lead in the first half through Mohamad Haziq Asyraaf Berahim penalty corner in the 12th minute.

Muhammad Izaz Afdhaal doubled SSMS lead in the 43rd minute before a fine solo goal from SMK Likas' Faridzuan Amin six minutes later sparked an all out attack from the latter.

SSMS were happy to sit back and looked for the counter attacks that led to them restoring their two-goal lead through a well-executed penalty corner from Muhamad Salman Sudirman in the 51st minute.

Jallister West Anak Ranggie then added a fourth from close range in the 65th minute to secure the title for SSMS.

Third place went to SMK Agaseh after

beating SMK Tamparuli 3-1.

Francis Asisi Pilisnos scored a brace to add to Bony Venture Paukin's opener for SMK Agaseh while captain Nelven Panil scored the consolation goal for SMK Tamparuli.

In an earlier game, SSMS clinched the first title after their girls' squad defeated SMK Tun Fuad Stephen (SSKTFS) 3-1 in the final.

Felliana John, Nurekmah Najwa Sopian and captain Aina Ruzana Mohd Azlan scored for SSMS while Mercyassisi Tonny had briefly equalised for SMKTFS.

SMK Telupid clinched third placing after a 3-1 win in a penalty shoot-out against SMK Abaka.

The play-off had ended 1-1 in regulation time with goals from Siti Nur Faizah Acho for SMK Abaka and Nicole Quinnie Nelson for SMK Telupid.

Nine boys' and eight girls' teams took part in the three-day tournament organised by Sabah Hockey Association (SHA) and supported by Malaysia Hockey Federation, Education Department and Sabah Sports Board (SSB).

General manager of SSB Penyuki Matta and SHA secretary-cum-tournament director Avtar Singh were among those present yesterday.



DOUBLE CHAMPIONS ... SSMS boys and girlspose with Penyuki and tournament organisers after the prize presentation.