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Dukes keep it simple to retain MAD title

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SUBANG JAYA: Despite a lack of pre-tournament preparation, UCSi Devil Dukes proved their pedigree by successfully defending their Malaysian Association of Dodgeball (MAD) Campus Dodgeball League (CDL) at the Subang Avenue shopping centre recently.

The Dukes, fielding a squad similar to last season's championship winning team, breezed through the group stages before beating UCSi's second team, Red Legion 4-1 before edging a determined Taylor's Storm in the final.

Dukes captain Navid Gazerani said the team's strategy of keeping it simple won them their second title this year after picking-up the Figos Cup earlier this year.

"We were rather unprepared for the tournament this year and used our group stage matches to test out a variety of strategies but decided to go back to our old tactics that we had employed last year," said Navid.

"Keeping to a simple and familiar strategy helped us through to the final and saw us clinch the victory in a tight final."

Navid, who also captained the team to the championship last year, said he was pleased with the level of play shown by the girls in the team and also UCSi's second team, Red Legion.

"This will be my last year on the team as I will be completing my studies with USCi shortly, but I am happy to leave the team with a good pool of young players to take over and I hope they will continue winning honours for the university in the future," added the Iranian.

Best Male Player: Simon Quah (KDU Ronins)

Best Female Player: Andrea Low, (Taylors Storm)

Best cheerleading team: Taylor Storm Dodgettes.

Best spokesperson: Tyler Lim (UCSi Red Legion).

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