

Top act from some foreigners

Africans showcase their skills in basketball competitions

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AFRICAN students pursuing their tertiary education here showed flamboyant flair to dominate the men's category at the Malaysia Association of Private College and University (MAPCU) three-on-three basketball event held at the Nilai International University College's (NUC) Putra Nilai campus in Negeri Sembilan recently.

Hosts NUC were also represented by the line-up of impressive African trio of Onwude Osgibeme Anthony (Nigeria), Kuete Lontchi Daniel (Cameroon) and Ashiru Azizah Oluwatobi (Nigeria) who teamed up with local reserve player Kong Xie Chiang when they edged University College Sedaya International (UCSI) to claim the men's title.

They also assisted their college to improve on the overall standings for the MAPCU annual Games.

HELP University College came third in the men's category that drew participation of 24 sides affiliated to MAPCU.

Coincidentally, the UCSI women's side also finished second best when they went down to Sunway University College.

In the women's section, a total of 11 teams were in the fray with International Medical University (IMU) securing the third spot.

As the fourth edition AND1 Streetball Challenge took a break this month before the final leg scheduled at Berjaya Times Square on Sept 9, the organisers of the hip three-on-three basketball event for budding cagers also extended their support to host a smaller scale event in conjunction with the NUC's 10th anniversary celebration.

"We saw a few talented players with enormous potentials as streetballers especially with African students who flaunted their dunking skills to tantalise the spectators," said Ossia World of Golf executive director Saw Swee Leong.

A week earlier, NUC conducted a coaching clinic featuring former NBA team Cleveland Cavaliers marketing co-ordinator Tan Kee Hian who led the participants through the paces in



Unstoppable: A foreign student (left) trying to get pass his marker.

the more than two hours session.

"Besides imparting several important pointers on shooting technique, he also shared his playing and coaching experiences with them. They also took part in various challenges. He kept them motivated throughout the session," said NUC

corporate communications executive Jillian Roche.

In the boys' Under-18 competition, Seremban A from SM Bukit Mewah emerged as champions and pocketed RM400.

Meanwhile, runners-up Star and third placed side Team Rocket received

RM300 and RM200 respectively.

"The carnival atmosphere included cultural fairs with food stalls set up at the one-day event. Our institution's dance group (Unique-X) also entertained the crowd with their hip-hop street moves," added Roche.