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KL SPA mampu jadi pencabar terkuat

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Melaka: Pemain import KL SPA dari Korea Selatan Shin Hyun-Joon (gambar), 30, yakin pasukannya mampu menjadi pencabar terkuat dalam kancah Liga Perdana sambil bertekad membantu skuad itu layak ke Piala Malaysia.

Menurutnya, barisan pasukan itu dilihat mantap dalam semua posisi namun tidak bernasib baik tewas pada perlawanan pertama liga kepada UiTM FC 0-1 di Stadium Hang Jebat, Paya Rumpit Jumaat lalu.

Menurutnya, walaupun menguasai perlawanan kebuntuan jaringan memperlihatkan skuad itu kecewa untuk sekurang-kurangnya memburu satu mata.

Pemain yang pernah beraksi empat musim di liga Indonesia itu juga yakin gandingan bersama rakan sepasukan akan lebih mantap dalam memastikan SPA tidak tercicir sebarang mata dalam setiap perlawanan selepas ini.

“Sokongan semua pihak



terutama pengurusan dan jurulatih membakar semangatnya memberi yang terbaik dalam memastikan kejayaan pasukan,” katanya.

Sementara itu jurulatih KL SPA Mohd Shah Norbit berkata, pemain terbabit memiliki sentuhan menarik dan menjadi nadi penggerak barisan tengah pasukan.

Katanya, gandingannya bersama penyerang import Perancis Rudy Viator dan Joseph Nicoise diharap terus menjadi musim ini.

Sementara itu, mengulas perlawanan berdepan Perlis petang ini di Kangar, beliau berkata, sasaran pasukan pastinya mengutip tiga mata selepas kecewa di tempat sendiri kepada UiTM FC.

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SPA-Putrajaya finding it tough

SPA-PUTRAJAYA FC are not aiming for the stars in the Premier League this season.

The former FAM League winners feel it will be tough to make an impact as other teams have invested a lot on quality players.

Coach Shah Alias Norbit said promotion to the Super League will be a tall order but finishing in the top five in the second-tier competition is achievable.

"We only managed to sign the leftovers, not elite players and retained 90 per cent of last year's squad. Police, Johor, Penang, Negri Sembilan and Felda have invested on quality players and it will be tough for us to match them," said Shah Alias recently.

"However, we have set a target to finish top five in the league. I believe it is achievable as we came close to doing so last season."

SPA have neither won a match nor scored a goal in two matches. They suffered 1-0 defeats to Police (FA Cup first round) and Universiti Teknologi Mara (Premier League).

"We have one quality signing in South Korean Shin Hyun Joon but others have yet to blend into his game.

"Striker Mickael Nicoise is still struggling with form. It is also tough to conduct quality training as the league schedule is tight," Shah Alias added.

Shah Alias is hoping his team will get their first win against Perlis at Darulaman Stadium in Alor Star today. **By Ajitpal Singh**

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More Chinese getting govt positions

KUALA LUMPUR: Statistics from the Public Service Commission (PSC) show that more Chinese who applied and attended interviews for government posts were accepted.

Wanita MCA chief Datuk Heng Seai Kie said 61 per cent of Chinese who applied and attended the interviews were hired, making it the highest success rate compared with Malays (30.28 per cent) and Indians (40.69 per cent).

"The statistics also show that more than 16 per cent were called for interviews, which is higher than for Malays (12.48 per cent) and Indians (9.78 per cent)," she said at the MCA headquarters here yesterday.

"The numbers provided are enough proof for the Chinese community to change their mindset."

Heng said to encourage the Chinese community to apply for government posts, Wanita MCA would be collaborating with the PSC during its roadshow. **Bernama**