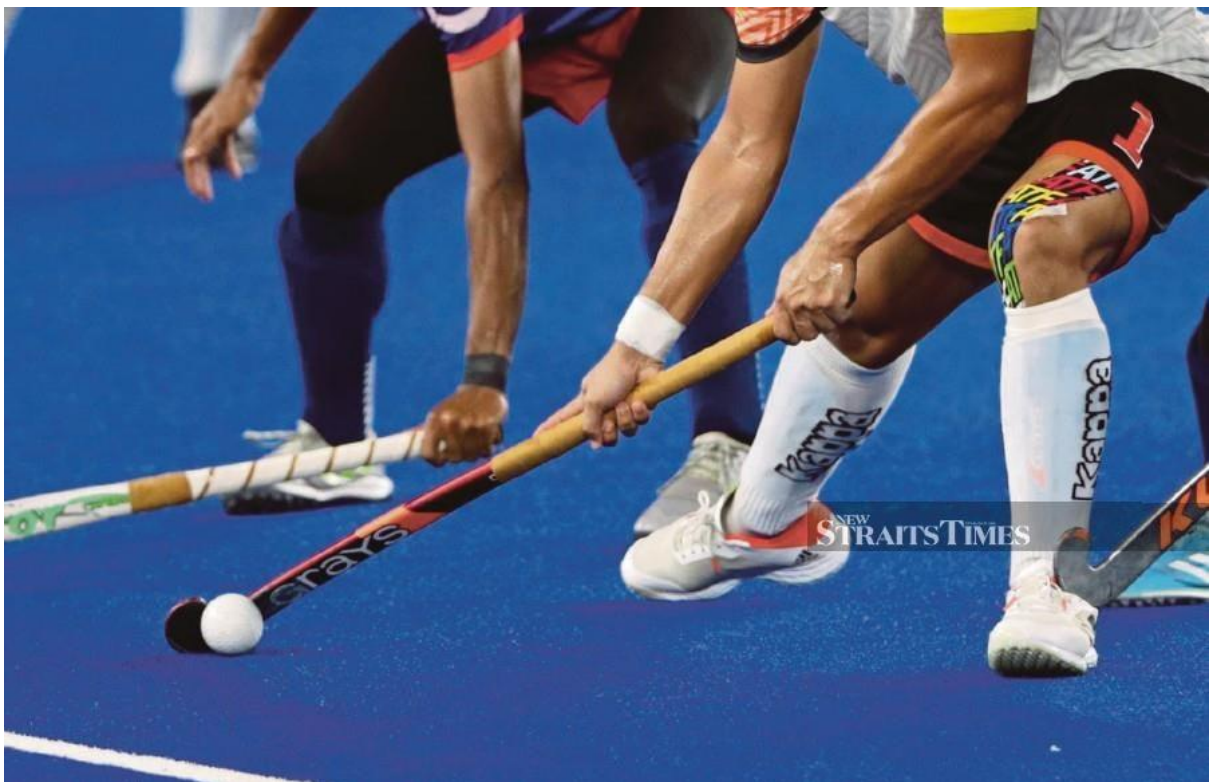


Depleted Pahang still too strong for Perlis in Razak Cup



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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia Games champions Pahang "lost" four players to the Sultan of Johor Cup training camp, but still packed enough power to beat Perlis 4-1 in the Razak Cup today.

Playing at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil, Pahang got their goals through Noor Firdaus Rosdi (second, 10th minute), Idris Samad (35th) and Haikal Ridwan Osman (54th). Syahir Hasif Harun scored for Perlis in the 11th minute.

Pahang coach Sufian Mohamad, who has won all local titles with his charges in the last five years, said it was a slow start but his players made it count after half-time.

"We released four players for the SoJC training camp and did feel the pinch for 30 minutes, but my back-up players re-grouped and it was much easier in the remaining quarters," said Sufian.

"It is good for every team that national juniors and seniors are not playing this time as this gives a chance to many fringe players to represent their states and pick up some experience," said Sufian.

Pahang's oldest player is former national Ismail Abu at 38, and some other states have also brought back some former players, but the majority are youth.

Defending men's champions Perak, gunning for their third consecutive title, left their women's team back home because the same set of players played in the Junior Hockey League, Malaysian Schools Sports Council tournament and Malaysia Games this year, and were overdosed on hockey.

RESULTS

MEN: Group A: Perak 2 Johor 0, Terengganu 8 Negri 0, Kuala Lumpur 5 Armed Forces 3.

Group B: Pahang 4 Perlis 1, Melaka 3 Penang 1, Police 3 Selangor 1.