Cobra take the fight out of TMISS

A SECOND-STRING Tunku Mahkot Ismail Sports School (TMISS) side proved no match for defending champions Combined Old Boys Rugby Association (Cobra) in their group A Malaysian Rugby Union (MRU) Super League clash at Universiti Putra Malaysia, Serdang yesterday.

TMISS, who fielded only two players from the team that beat Royal Selangor Club (RSC) in the final of the National Inter-Club Championship last Thursday, were on the backfoot from the opening whistle and soon found themselves trailing as early as the 10th minute through an effort from Cobra’s new Fijian signing Semesa Gonevou.

Cobra prop Amirul Sani soon added to their tally in the 30th minute with another effort while Mohd Amin Jamaluddin rounded-off the half with another try to give Cobra a commanding 17-0 lead going into the break.

TMISS started the second period with vigour and their constant pressure soon paid-off when Hazrol Hassan put his side on the scoreboard in the 45th minute. TMISS looked set for a comeback when Amirul was sent-off for stamping on Nik Mohd Shahiddan Mohd Zain in 51st minute.

It was, however, not to be for TMISS as they failed to take advantage and again conceded in the 55th minute through Cobra’s other new Fijian signing Jiuta Lutumailagi. From then on, a clearly demoralised TMISS continued to let in another seven tries scored by Mohd Kamal Yusuf (three), K. Dineshwaran, Vatimi Racebe, Nazrin Puat and Nur Ikqwan Nordin to see the defending champions emerge 74-5 winners.

Cobra will next face Negri Sembilan Wanderers while TMISS will go up against UiTM Lions. Both matches will be played on Saturday.

In other matches yesterday, ASAS RFC beat RAMD 27-25 while RMAF Blackhawks beat RSC 32-6. On Saturday UiTM Lions thrashed Sahoca 41-3 while Keris Conlay beat Bandaraya Dragons 21-15. By Fadhli Ishak