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Felda hot on the heels of Police

FELDA United have issued a warning to Premier League leaders Police and second-placed Penang not to take things for granted as the competition reached its halfway point on Monday.

Irfan Bakti's side, who have been unbeaten since the 2-1 defeat to Negri Sembilan on Feb 7, are third in the league with 22 points. Police lead with 29 points while Penang are four points ahead of Felda.

"We could have been above Police and Penang had we not dropped points in five matches. We drew four times and lost once but I believe we will do better in the second round," said Irfan yesterday.

Felda notched their sixth win of the season on Monday by edging Kedah 1-0 courtesy of Edward Wilson's second half goal at Selayang Stadium.

"If you look at our record, we have

no issues in scoring goals, which we have done 28 times. However, we also conceded 14 goals and this worries me.

"Our defenders need to buck-up. As a measure to beef-up the squad, we hope Selangor would grant our request to sign their defender Raimi Mohd Nor, who has not featured regularly for the former Super League winners," said Irfan.

However, Selangor, who have a squad of 23 players, are unlikely to release Raimi to Felda.

Irfan also said Felda would have earned maximum points in some matches if striker Wilson had not been too selfish.

The former Liberia international is the second highest top scorer with 11 goals in the league.

"I want Wilson to be a team player, though, he is improving, I am still not satisfied. I have reminded

him several times about it," Irfan added.

Police coach Dollah Salleh did not like what he saw in the 2-0 win over minnows Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) in Shah Alam on Monday.

Maldives international Ashfaq Ali, the league's leading scorer with 12 goals, was wasteful in the first half before Chad Souza (68th minute) and Mohamadou Sumareh (89th) saved the day for Police after the breather.

"Our players appeared tired. The poor pitch condition made it more difficult for them. They have been playing too many matches of late. Things did not improve in the second half, but my strikers manage to net two goals," said Dollah.

Police will resume their campaign in the second round against SPA on Friday while Felda take on DRB-Hicom. **By Ajitpal Singh**