

## Winning Three Gold Medals, Unimal is Overall Champion in the 2023 Pomda Aceh Tennis Sport



Two male tennis athletes from Unimal, Hasundutan and Fathir Muhammad, strike a pose with their coach, John Maurice, after winning the men's doubles event in the tennis category of POMDA 2023 finals on Tuesday (19/9/2023) at PAG Tennis Complex, L:hokseumawe. Photo by Bustami Ibrahim.

**UNIMAL NEWS | Lhokseumawe** - Universitas Malikussaleh (Unimal) has once again emerged as the overall champion in the Tennis category at the Aceh Inter-University Student Sports Week (POMDA) 2023. The competition took place at the Perta Arun Gas (PAG) Tennis complex and lasted for two days, from Monday to Tuesday (18-19/9/2023).

Unimal won three gold medals and two silver medals, followed by Universitas Syiah Kuala. Unimal's gold medals were secured in the Men's Singles category (Fathir Muhammad), Men's Doubles category (Hasundutan and Fathir Muhammad), and Women's Doubles category (Taradisa Angeli Tanura and Lala Gita Natasya).

The silver medals were won by Taradisa Angeli Tanura in the Women's Singles category and Muhammad Rizki and Haryati in the Mixed Doubles category.

Previously, Unimal also emerged as the overall champion in the Sepak Takraw category, winning two gold medals. As of now, Unimal is in the fourth position in the provisional medal tally of POMDA Aceh 2023, with a total of 5 gold medals, 3 silver medals, and 7 bronze medals.

Several sports, including Taekwondo, Sepak Takraw, Tennis, and Athletics, have concluded their competitions. Other sports such as Badminton, Pencak Silat, Kempo, Beach Volleyball, Chess, Swimming, Futsal, Basketball, and Rock Climbing are still ongoing.

Dr. Alfian, the Vice Rector for Student Affairs and Alumni, expressed his joy over this remarkable achievement. This is a historic moment for tennis at Unimal. The Unimal tennis team has worked hard and fought with great spirit. "We are proud of their achievements and hope that this success will inspire young athletes, especially students at Unimal," he said.

By winning the overall championship, the Unimal Tennis team will be propelled to a higher level in their preparation for future national competitions. "We hope this is just the beginning, as there is much preparation to be done for the National Student Sports Week (POMNAS) in the future," added Alfian.

He further emphasized the accomplishments of the tennis team highlight Unimal's significant promise within the realm of sports, and he hopes that this triumph marks the beginning of numerous future achievements in the field of student sports.[tmi/drz]

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