

## Unimal Basketball Team Secures Silver at Pomda Aceh 2023



Unimal basketball athletes pose together after the match on Wednesday (20/09/2023). Photo by Faizul Aulia.

**UNIMALNEWS | Bukit Indah** - The Malikussaleh University Basketball Team contributed a silver medal in the 5x5 category at the Regional Student Sports Week (Pomda) 2023 event held at Bukit Indah Campus in Lhokseumawe on Wednesday (9/20/2023).

The basketball competition, lasting for three days, led Unimal to advance to the 5x5 category final after defeating Samudra University. In the final match, Unimal faced USK in the battle for the gold medal. After four quarters, USK led with a score of 58-15, resulting in Unimal securing the silver medal.

Ranal Alfarizi, the Unimal team captain stated that they had given their best effort in the basketball discipline, even though they couldn't secure the gold medal. "We have fought to the best of our ability, and winning or losing does not hinder the spirit of playing. Hopefully, the future generations can strive harder and bring honor to Unimal," said Ranal.

Meanwhile, Nanda Setiawan, the coach of Unimal's basketball team, stated that the defeat of the Unimal team was due to the players' lack of experience and the injury to the team's captain, who plays a central role within the team

Fauzul Hakim Hasibuan, the Coordinator of the basketball discipline in Pomda Aceh 2023, mentioned that winning and losing are two sides that both parties must accept in the game.

"Alhamdulillah, the Pomda 2023 event for Basketball went smoothly. The facilities on the field were adequate. Hopefully, the efforts made by these students can contribute to nurturing talents for Aceh towards the National Student Sports Week (Pomnas) in Kalimantan," concluded Fauzul.[fzl/kur]

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