FRUSTRATED ADDEEN SEEKING BETTER FORTUNES AND RESULTS

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Mohd Addeen Idrakie (left) is hoping for better results in the second half of the year. - filepic

KUALA LUMPUR: National squash player Mohd Addeen Idrakie knows that he has underachieved in the first five months of this year.

He has competed in five tournaments so far, but failed to win a single title.

Last year, despite being involved in two motorcycle accidents in April and October, he still managed to win three Professional Squash Association (PSA) titles.

Addeen is also frustrated by his failure to break into the top-100 of the world ranking at the end of last year.

But at least he knows what's holding him back.

"I'm physically in good form, but not mentally. I need to work on it as the competition gets tougher every year," said Addeen.

"I set a target to break into the top-100 last year, but I failed to do it ... as I was involved in two motorcycle accidents.

"I hope to bounce back and play well in competitions in the second half of the year so that I can improve on my world ranking.

Addeen is likely to feature in six more competitions this year.

His next PSA tournament is the Palmerston North Classic in New Zealand from June 20-26.

But for now, Addeen, who is majoring in sports management at Universiti Malaya, is leading his university to the inaugural 1Malaysia Institutes of Higher Learning (IPT) inter-varsity squash team tournament, which ends on Sunday, at the National Squash Centre in Bukit Jalil.

Addeen is keen to help his university win the mixed team event (two men and one woman).

The other teams taking part are Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Shah Alam, Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), INTI International University, Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TARUC), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Perak, Sunway University, International Islamic University Malaysia (UIAM), Politeknik Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin (PTSS) Perlis, Infrastructure University Kuala Lumpur (IUKL), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), University of Malaysia Perlis (Unimap), Politeknik Seberang Prai, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) and Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA).