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Kevin Stays on Course for Second RSGC AmBank Junior Amateur Open Golf Championship 2016

Defending champion Kevin Akbar from Indonesia did not have a good day at the office with a two-over par 74 for a two-day total of 146 but remain on course for his second consecutive The Royal Selangor Golf Club (RSGC) AmBank Junior Amateur Open Golf Championship 2016 title.

The good news was, Kevin's closest rivals Lim Beng Keat from Miri Golf Club (MGC) and Adam Madzri from Kelab Golf Negara Subang (KGNS) both scored two and four over pars respectively to post scores of 150 and 151. With a four stroke lead over Beng Keat, Kevin looks poised to clinch his second title in the Boys U-18 category if he maintains an error-free game tomorrow.

Beng Keat however refuses to give up and promised to fight for the title. He said: "I drove and putted better today which helped my scoring. I also practised my hitting and putting yesterday after the first round and managed to get my strokes back. The RSGC course is challenging and the greens, well maintained. We shall see how it goes tomorrow but I am happy with my round today."

In the Girls U-18 category, the race for the title looks tight with joint leaders Calista Chen of Singapore and Warda Amira of KGNS locked in a neck-to-neck battle. Both shot a two-day total of 147 with Philippines' Samantha Martirez and yesterday's leader Kelie Kan of Bukit Jalil Golf Resort (BJGR) lying just a shot back on 148.

"The weather was hotter today because I started late, however the heat and humidity did not affect me much. I had some problems with my short game but I'll go practice a little bit after lunch to prepare for tomorrow's final round," said Kelie.

The Final Round commences tomorrow and a total of 96 golfers are participating in this tournament and the foreign countries taking part are Singapore, Indonesia, Australia and Philippines. The champions in each category will win trophies and medals.

Results:

Second Round Scores

Boys U-18:

146: Kevin Akbar (Ina) 72-74; 150: Lim Beng Keat (mgc) 76-74; 151: Adam Madzri (KGNS) 75-76

Girls U-18:

147: Callista Chen (Sg) 75-72; 147: Warda Amira (KGNS) 73-74; 148: Samantha Martirez (Phi) 78-70; 148: Kelie Kan (BJGR) 72-76

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