

### **PLAYING AT HOME, GRESIK PETROKIMIA PUPUK INDONESIA READY TO GRAB FULL POINTS IN THE FIRST SERIES OF THE SECOND ROUND OF THE 2023 PROLIGA**

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The Gresik Petrokimia women's volleyball team is ready to win full points in the first series of the second round of the 2023 Proliga which will be held at GOR Tri Dharma Petrokimia Gresik, Jawa Timur from February 2 to 5, 2023. Playing at home is very possible for Gresik Petrokimia Pupuk Indonesia to get three points in each match later.

This was conveyed by the Manager of the Gresik Petrokimia Pupuk Indonesia Team, Nanda Kiswanto, Wednesday (1/2). In this series, Gresik Petrokimia Pupuk Indonesia will compete against the defending Proliga champion, Bandung Bank BJB Tandamata, Thursday (4/2) and then meet the champion of the first round, Jakarta Pertamina Fastron, Friday (5/2).

"The strength of the Gresik Petrokimia Pupuk Indonesia team with Bank BJB and Fastron I think is balanced. It's a matter of mentality from Petrokimia kids. We will perform optimally because we get direct support from the Gresik community," said Nanda.

In the opening series, Gresik Petrokimia Pupuk Indonesia previously lost to the defending champion with a score of 1-3. However, against Jakarta Pertamina Fastron, the team made by Ayub Hidayat won 3-2 over the first-round champion.

So that in the temporary standings in the first round, Gresik Petrokimia Pupuk Indonesia was ranked third out of six participants, below Jakarta Pertamina Fastron and Bandung Bank BJB Tandamata who were in the first and second positions respectively.

In line with Nanda, the Coach of Gresik Petrokimia Pupuk Indonesia, Ayub Hidayat hopes that his foster children will have high confidence by playing at their own base. In addition, this senior coach from East Java, also hopes that playing in front of the public will increase his players' motivation. "That's my hope, hopefully, it will be realized on the field. Of course, the kids are going all out," he said.

Ayub also ensured that in this series he would not add or subtract players in his team, including two foreign athletes, Julieta Lazcano from Argentina and Bohdana Anisova from Ukraine. As is known, ahead of this second round, all teams participating in the competition are still allowed to change their players or add if they still have not reached the quota of 16 players.

"I also ask the people of Gresik in particular, and East Java, in general, to provide prayers and support so that Gresik Petrokimia Pupuk Indonesia can become the 2023 Proliga Champion," joban concluded.

Meanwhile, Gresik Petrokimia's participation in 2023 is the 20th after being absent once in 2020 and in 2021 it was canceled due to the pandemic

Covid-19. President Director of Petrokimia Gresik, Dwi Satriyo Annurogo added that this is a realization of the company's commitment to continue contributing to the sports sector.

"Petrokimia Gresik is not only committed to producing high-quality and environmentally friendly products that become agro-industrial solutions but also plays a role for development in various other fields, one of which is the sports sector in Indonesia," he said.

Pupuk Indonesia as the parent company of Petrokimia Gresik also plays an important role in the realization of the Gresik Petrokimia Pupuk Indonesia women's volleyball club team.

Through Petrokimia Gresik's flagship product, phonska plus fertilizer which is a sponsor for PBV Petrokimia Gresik in the 2023 Proliga, it is hoped that Phonska Plus can bring a positive atmosphere and enthusiasm for the Gresik Petrokimia Pupuk Indonesia women's volleyball club in undergoing the 2023 Proliga to get maximum results.

"With the support of Phonska Plus products, Gresik Petrokimia can continue its full commitment to supporting the Gresik Petrokimia PBV team. The various supports we do are by providing complete facilities for training, providing intensive training guidance, and maintaining the quality of players' intake, which we ensure is nutritious and balanced," he concluded.

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