

Easy for Sains Selangor as Kepong Baru lead quarters charge

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SMK Sungei Besi offered very little resistance when they went down 0-3 to SMK Sains Selangor in a KL Schools League Boys' Under-16 hockey match at the Kuala Lumpur Hockey Stadium in Pantai yesterday.

Sungei Besi only avoided a bigger defeat through the gallant efforts of goalkeeper Mohd Hazwan, who made a string of good saves.

After a scoreless first half, Ahmad Faisal Hamid opened the scoring in the 38th minute with a field goal, while substitute Stanley Bayang then scored with a neat finish from a penalty corner in the 60th minute.

Ahmad Faisal then put the match beyond dispute with his second goal, the third for his team.

In an earlier match, SMK Bukit Bandaraya bowed to the winning ways of SMK St John 0-3.

At the adjacent Education Ministry Stadium SMK Tinggi Setapak beat SMK Seri Pantai 2-1, and SMK Batu Lima lost miserably to SMK Kepong Baru 2-7.

Meanwhile, SMK Kepong Baru (Group D) are the leaders of the pack after winning all four of their matches on the way to the quarter-finals.

They are the only team in this year's league thus far to have remained unbeaten.

The other qualifier from Group D are SMK Titiwangsa, who are on seven points.

Defending champions SMK St John, with one more match to go, are leading Group A with seven points, followed closely by SM Agama Kuala Lumpur with five.

SMK Raja Abdullah are ruling in Group B while MBS Sentul have also confirmed their spot.

In Group C, last year's third place winners SMK Vivekananda's position is still shaky, but with two more matches to go, they are looking to bag the top spot in their group.

Saturday: SMK Vivekananda v SMK Seri Pantai, SMK Tinggi Setapak v SMK Raja Abdullah, SMK Lokman v SMK Sungei Besi, SMK Petaling v SMK Tasik Selatan. Sunday: Royal Military College v SMK St John, SMK Bukit Bandaraya v SMK Teknik, SMK Lokman v SMK Seri Pantai, SMK Segambut Jaya v SMK Vivekananda. (All matches at KLHA Stadium and Education Ministry Stadium from 8am onwards).

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