

Confident SMK Teknik

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DEFENDING champions SMK Teknik Setapak will be eyeing their second consecutive title when they face SM Sri Ampang in the quarter-finals of the Kuala Lumpur Schools Under-18 Keramat Zone football championships at the SMK Yaacob Latif field in Cheras tomorrow.

Team manager Nor Azman Samiun said the standard of football in Keramant Zone has dropped in comparison to last year, which is an advantage for Teknik Setapak.

"It was more competitive last year because there were six to seven teams capable of winning the title, but this year, we noticed that the opposition are not as strong," said Azman.

"Sri Titiwangsa and Taman Melati are likely teams to make it past the quarter-finals but St Johns, who were runners-up last year, have a slim chance as they are not showing the kind of dominance that they had last year.

"Based on our current performance, we should be able to win the title," he added.

SMK Padang Tembak will be up against SM Sri Titiwangsa in the other quarter-final, while SMK Wangsa Maju R2, who drew 1-1 with SMK Sri Ampang yesterday, will have a tough task against St Johns in the quarter-finals tomorrow.

SMK Taman Melati booked their spot in the quarters when they smashed three past High School Setapak. They will meet SM Wangsa Melawati in the quarter-finals.

Results: Boys' Under-18, Keramat Zone: SMK Taman Setiawangsa 1 SMK Wangsa Maju R2 1, SMK Wangsa Maju R5 1 SM Sri Ampang 1, SM Taman Melati

3 High School Setapak 1; Pudu Zone: SM Sains Alam Shah 7 SM Sains Selangor 0, SM Mulia 2 SMK Miharja 0 (w/o); Bangsar Zone: SMK Sri Hartamas 4 SM

Sg Besi 3, La Salle 2 SM Sri Saujana 1, SMK Petaling 3 SMK Taman Tun Dr Ismail 1, SMK Bdr Tasik Selatan 2 SM Bukit Bandaraya 1.

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