

Bukit Bandaraya show Vivekananda the exit

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SMK Vivekananda are out of the Kuala Lumpur Schools (Bangsar Zone) Boys' Under-18 hockey tournament.

The three-time zone champions, who are also third in the State, bowed out to SMK Bukit Bandaraya 3-2 in the quarter-finals at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil yesterday.

"I am disappointed with the players' performance because they did not play with their hearts and souls. They did not take the match seriously, and they failed to fulfill their part when I did mine," said Vivekananda coach Abraham Joseph.

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"I have sacrificed a lot for them in training when we don't even have field. I am seriously considering going back to academics fulltime." The Bukit Bandaraya goals came via Mohd Taufik (13th and 26th) and Jagdeep Singh (36th). Vivekananda replied through Mohd Hafiq (19th) and Mohd Helmi (40th).

The other teams who made it to the cross-over semi-finals are Victoria Institution, Royal Military College (RMC) and SMK Bandar Tasik Selatan (BTS).

Victoria Institution slammed Methodist Boys School 4-1, RMC beat SMK Sungei Besi 3-2 in a thrilling encounter, and SMK Bandar Tasik Selatan edged SMK Sri Hartamas 3-2.

In the Sentul zone boys Under-19 SMK Kepong Baru thrashed SMK Segambut 11-0 in Group A to claim their second straight win, which has them on level points with SMK Raja Abdullah, but with a superior goal advantage.

SMK Raja Abdullah hammered SMK Bandar Baru Sentul 4-0 to place them on the tie, with Seinudin Limri (13th, 33rd) contributing a brace. Other goals were scored by Mohd Faizal Masidi (26th) and Mohd Hamirul Shah (44th).

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In Group B, the match between SMK La Salle and SMK Batu Lima ended in scoreless draw. No matches were played for group C yesterday.

RESULTS - Bangsar Zone, Q-Final: SMK Bandar Tasik Selatan 3 SMK Sri Hartamas 2, Victoria Institution 4 Methodist Boys School 1, RMC 3 SMK Sungei Besi 2, SMK Vivekananda 2 SMK Bukit Bandaraya 3.

Sentul Zone, Preliminaries: SMK Raja Abdullah 4 SMK Bandar Baru Sentul 0, SMK La Salle 0 SMK Batu 5 0, SMK Kepong Baru 11 SMK Segambut 0.

FIXTURES - Bangsar Zone, S-final: Victoria Institution v SMK Bukit Bandaraya, RMC v SMK Bandar Tasik Selatan (plays from 8am at National Hockey Stadium, Bukit Jalil). Sentul Zone, Preliminaries: SMK Raja Ali v SMK La Salle, SMK Agama Kuala Lumpur v SMK Maxwell, SMK Segambut v SMK Bandar Baru Sentul. (Plays from 8.30am at Tun Razak Stadium, Jalan Duta).

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