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Olak a step closer to the title

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REIGNING champions Old La Sallians Association, Klang (Olak) signalled their intentions to keep the MHF-Milo-NSC Junior League title when they thrashed helpless MPPJ 8-0 at Pandamaran yesterday.

They started slowly, scoring only one goal, in the first half against a depleted MPPJ side who lost their skipper and main playmaker Sharizal Shamsuddin following his unsporting behaviour in their last match on Friday.

But the home side woke up from their slumber to score five more goals within a space of 10 minutes.

The 50th minute goal, Mohamed Hashim's fourth, saw MPPJ resting their first choice keeper Hisham Basri in favour of Shahrizal Ghazali.

Shahrizal managed to block a shot a minute after taking duty, but soon found the going tough as Olak scored two more goals for their 8-0 win.

* ANDERSON'S semifinal hopes hung in a balance following their 4-1 defeat to title contenders Penang Juniors at the Azlan Shah Stadium.

The Perak Schools champions started off promisingly but faded in the later part of the game after conceding three quick goals.

Ahmad Hasbi put his team ahead when he deflected home a penalty shot taken by Jivan Mohan in the 23rd minute.

Anderson keeper Mahathir Thayin had hardly recovered when T. Sivanesan in a one-to-one encounter with Ahmad Hasbi scored the second goal a minute later.

As the home team took stock of their weaknesses in defence, L. Pragas was on target to romp home in the third goal in the 28th minute from the centre.

However, Anderson in a quick counter attack reduced the deficit in the 20th minute when S. Selvaraju received a pass from the right to hit the ball past keeper Azlimuliadi Ahmad.

Penang Juniors wrapped up the match in the 52nd minute when Jivan scored a field goal to register a 4-1 victory.

* MALACCA Municipal Council beat PKNS 1-0 to be placed sixth in the table.

* NEGRI Sembilan champion school Dato' Taha Secondary School drew 3-3 with Bandar Penawar Sports School in Kota Tinggi.

Results: Olak 8 MPPJ 0; Penang Juniors 4 Andersonian 1; Malacca MC 1 PKNS 0; Bandar Penawar 3 Dato' Taha 3.

* All matches at 5.0.

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