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Olak show who's the boss

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OLD La Sallians Association of Klang (Olak) recovered from last week's unexpected setback to end Perak schools champions Andersonian's unbeaten run at the Pandamaran Stadium yesterday.

The 1998 and 1999 MHF-Milo-NSC Junior League overall and league champions, who met their first defeat in three years to unheralded Malacca Municipal Council last Saturday, were in control of the match.

Andersonian, who have won four times and drew twice, could only contain them up till the first-half.

Fighting against nine players from Olak's 1999 championship winning side and five former teammates, they soon faltered when Olak's P. Prabahkaran tapped in the first goal off a 41st minute penalty corner.

Syahrizal Zainal Abidin completed Olak's dominance when he flicked in the ball past keeper Mahathir Thayin five minutes before the final horn.

Andersonian coach Mokhtar Baharuddin Abdullah said they were confident of a win.

"But Olak have experience on their side. Besides we have never won against them," he said.

Last week, Andersonian had to defend their Perak schools title in Ipoh while playing a match in the League.

They also had to make a trip to the Klang Valley on Tuesday to complete their fixtures against MPPJ whom they whipped 5-2.

Mokhtar, however, was not too dissatisfied with the loss.

"We could still meet our target of getting into the semifinals," he said.

Olak manager Joseph de Silva was pleased with the win as it kept them in contention for this year's titles.

"We have been training long hours every day since the loss to Malacca MC. We hope to win every match from now on and defend our titles."

But they still have to wait for Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) to drop a match.

* TNB extended their unbeaten run by whipping Tampin District 3-1 through a hat-trick by Tajol Rosli Mohamed.

Tajol scored penalty corners in the seventh, 16th and 20th minutes before Tampin closed the gap through S. Murugesan in the 33rd minute.

* PENANG Juniors maintained their place at the top with a 3-1 win over Malacca MC at the National Hockey Stadium.

The Juniors were earlier shocked by Dazuki Mohamed Zin's 22nd minute penalty stroke goal but Vengades Sekar equalised six minutes later.

Vengades put in another in the 32nd before Jivan Mohan secured their win with a field goal in the 65th minute.

* BUKIT Jalil Sports School fought back from a two goal deficit to beat visitors Kedah Sports Council 3-2.

Kedah SC led through Kamarul Ismail in the 10th minute and Faridz Hashim two minutes later before Bukit Jalil returned with a 20th minute penalty stroke goal by Mohamed Redza Ma'adun.

Fairuz Hamsani equalised for Bukit Jalil in the 41st minute and Muhammad Anwar Ali scored the clincher in the 70th.