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Hairul bloodied as Serdang triumph

SERDANG Hockey Club won their sixth consecutive match when they beat Johor SC 3-0 in the MHF-Milo-Admiral-NSC Junior League at the Bukit Jalil Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Even so, the match was so closely fought that Johor Sports Council player Mohamed Hairul became all bloodied and bruised.

But the sad part was that there was no ambulance or medical officers around to attend to Hairul.

Hairul had to be helped to the carpark where he was taken to the hospital in a private car.

Serdang, under the able hands of coach Nor Saiful Zaini, are on a roll and it looks like there is no stopping them from topping the table when the League ends.

Serdang's first goal was scored by Rashid Bahir in the eighth minute and four minutes later, Serdang were two-up off a Mohamed Redza field goal.

And in the 54th minute, Faridz Hashim sealed the match with a field goal.

"Although we won 3-0, the match was not an easy one because they gave us a good fight in the early minutes and also the second half.

"We were lucky to have scored two early goals, if not the match could have gone either way," said Nor Saiful.

* AT the Pandamaran Hockey Stadium in Klang, MSSKL finally won their first match of the League when they beat Synergy Hockey Club 3-1.

After a five-match losing streak, MSSKL got their act together and their goal scorers were Kelvinder Singh (15th, 69th) and A. Yuanesweran (45th).

The Synergy goal was scored by Firdaus Hafiz in the sixth minute.

* AT THE Azlan Shah Stadium, SMK Anderson dished out a pathetic performance to disappoint their home fans when they allowed SMK Datuk Taha to snatch a 1-1 draw, reports R.G. RAJ.

Anderson, who lost to Serdang 1-0 at the same venue, saw a dozen penalty corners wasted. They only made good one, in the 36th minute, through skipper Azli Misron.

Datuk Taha, who were backpeddaling for the greater part of the match, had only one penalty corner, in the 61st minute, and that was enough to deal the killer blow for the home team.

Anderson coach Mokhtar Baharuddin said: "The forwards finishing was a big letdown as they kept wasting the chances which came their way."

Datuk Taha, who came to Ipoh after their 6-1 home defeat against Pahang Telekom, looked tired but put up a spirited display as they staged a fight back to pull the equaliser when S. Muniandy sounded the board.

* AT the Kuala Terengganu Hockey Stadium, Terengganu Sports Council beat Seberang Prai Municipal Council 4-2 with goals from Mohamed Shahrin (11th), Saiful Amri (14th), Mahathir Fitri (47th, 58th).

Seberang Prai's goals were scored by L. Pragas (12th) and Ahmad Hasbi (44th).