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PJMC rout Perak Malays to go second

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PETALING Jaya Municipal Council (PJMC) continued their good run with this relatively easy 5-2 win over bottom-of-the-table Perak Malays in Group A at the Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh yesterday.

The three points pushed PJMC to second on the standings while Perak Malays remain second last with one draw and three defeats in as many matches.

Perak Malays redeemed themselves with a slightly improved game and they even drew level nine minutes after PJMC had taken the lead in the 13th minute and they should improve with another home match against Armed Forces Apprentice Training School tomorrow.

Team manager Mohamed Sayuti Samat, a former national goalkeeper, said his young team lacked experience.

A highly touted PJMC were the more desperate of the two, and they opted to hit around the ball as they slowly made their way into their opponents' semi-circle and shot into the lead in the 13th minute when Muhammad Shahril Baharuddin beat Malays keeper Mohamed Noor Mustapha from the top of the semicircle.

But it was a short-lived lead as Perak Malays hit back with the equaliser in the 22nd minute through Meor Aminuddin who beat PJMC goalkeeper Mohamed Mahathir Thayin with a powerful shot.

PJMC broke the deadlock in the 29th minute through Ikmal Abdul Jabar for a 2-1 half time lead and Nor Azizan Rani stretched the lead to 3-1 with a reverse stick shot in the 43rd minute.

Meor was on target again for Perak Malays two minutes later but goals from Mohamed Reezwan Sufar in the 50th minute and Harith Imran Sheriff in the 68th minute sealed it for the visitors.

RESULTS:

Results: Tenaga 9 AFATS 0, YNS 6 SAB College 0, Penang Indians 2 Krian HA 1, Perak Malays 2 PJMC 5, Olak-MPK 6 Malay Mail 1