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Bukit Mertajam in last four

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DEFENDING champions Bukit Mertajam confirmed their place in the Penang Schools Sports Council Boys' Under-18 semi-finals after defeating Kepala Batas 2-1 in the Seberang Perai zone match at the Tunas Bakti school ground in Teluk Air Tawar Butterworth yesterday.

Mohd Azwi Othman opened accounts for Bukit Mertajam in the 17th minute but in a goal mouth melee Bukit Mertajam's Mohd Ariff deflected in an own goal for the equaliser in the 36th minute.

Both teams played hard for victory and in the end Bukit Mertajam's hard work paid off when in the 65th minute their right wing Mohd Izzat Azmi found the net for the winner.

In the Under-15 match at the same venue, the younger Bukit Mertajam boys were not to be left out, making the semi-finals after defeating Kepala Batas 3-0 and geared themselves up for their title defence.

Bukit Mertajam's goals were scored by Mohd Amirul Affendy (45th), Mahathir Mohamad (57th) and Mohd Akmal Mohd Noor (68th).

Meanwhile in the Island zone, Kelawai also qualified for the semi-finals in the Under-18 category when they defeated Jelutong 3-0 at the SMK Raja Tun Uda school ground.

Kelawai's goals were netted by Mohd Hartiz (3rd), Mrgat Safuan (71st) and Ahmad Suhailan (75th).

Balik Pulau too confirmed a place in the semi-finals when they defeated Air Itam 2-0 in the Under-18 category at the SM Teknik Tengku Abdul Rahman school field.

Balik Pulau's goals were scored by Ahmad Hafiz Rasidi (40th) and Mohd Nizam Omar Ali (50th).

RESULTS - Boys Under-15, Island zone: Jelutong 3 Kelawai 2; Seberang Perai zone: Bukit Mertajam 3 Kepala Batas 0; Butterworth 1 Nibong Tebal 1.

Under-18, Island zone: Kelawai 3 Jelutong 0; Balik Pulau 2 Air Itam 0; Seberang Perai zone: Bukit Mertajam 2 Kepala Batas 1; Butterworth 1 Nibong Tebal 1.