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Kedah running on a hot streak

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ON A day when Johor's home matches against the sports schools – against Bandar Penawar (Under-14) and Bukit Jalil (Under- 17) - at Larkin Stadium were washed out, Kedah maintained their hot streak in Group A in the Minister of Education League Cup (MELC).

A strike by Adam Aidil Iskandar Rosli in the 66th minute was enough for Kedah to maintain their unbeaten record in Group A with a 1-0 win over Perak at the Mini Stadium in Kuala Kangsar on Saturday.

Kedah pulled further away with 22 points in eight matches – from seven wins and a draw — while Perak, who have played one match more than their rivals, are in second place with 14 points. In another Group A match, Kelantan saw off Perlis 3-2 at home. Kelantan scored their goals through Mohd Shahal Shukri (3rd), Muhamad Hashim Ismail (47th) and Sufian Mat (57th). Perlis replied through Mohamad Ikmal Ibrahim (43rd) and Muhammad Arif Zikri (35th). Sarawak denied Kuala Lumpur a win with Mohd Azlan Idi netting the equaliser in the 60th minute, three minutes after Muhammad Aizuddin Bakar had given the homesters the lead in Cheras.

In Group B, defending champions Selangor struggled to a 1-0 win over gritty Sabah at Padang C, UiTM in Shah Alam with striker Fazirul Afzan Suhaimi netting the winner in the 12th minute. Last week Selangor were beaten 3-0 by Terengganu.

The win saw Selangor regain their place at the top of the group with 21 points but the champions have played two matches more than Bandar Penawar Sports School (BPSS) who are unbeaten in seven matches.

BPSS have 19 points from six wins and a draw. Winless Negri Sembilan surprised Terengganu with a 2-2 draw at the Mini Stadium in Tampin.

It was Negri's first point in the league in eight matches after ending the first round without a point and a goal to show.

Negri opened scoring in the 12th minute through Mohd Radhee Aziz before Muhamad Naim Asraff equalised for the visitors in the 51st minute.

Terengganu went 2-1 ahead in the 63rd minute when Nik Mohd Shahrul Nik Dar found the net with a well taken goal but Mohamad Safuan Mohd Radir made sure Negri earned their first point with the equaliser three minutes from time.

Malacca also fought out a 2-2 draw with Pahang at the Hang Tuah Stadium with a double strike from Norfaizatul Iqbal Ayub (48, 59). Pahang's scorers were Muhammad Asyri Abdul Majid (53) and Muhammad Fakarudin Jaffar (56).

However, other matches in the group went off smoothly with Malacca winning 3-0 against Pahang.

Ahmad Hasbullah Zali, Amir Munuddin Abdullah and Muhammad Dzul Fahmie Rahman were the scorers. In another match Terengganu fell 2-0 to Negri Sembilan in Tampin In Group A, Kedah hammered Perak 6-2 in Kuala Kangsar, Kelantan beat Perlis 4-2 at home and KL edged Sarawak 2-1 in Cheras.

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