

Hero Akmal sends VI packing

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MOHD Akmal Hilmi was the toast of SMK Bandar Tasik Selatan (BTS) yesterday with his brace that knocked out favourites Victoria Institution and firmly secured a place for his team in today semi-finals.

They beat Victoria Institution (VI) 2-1 in the quarter-final by scoring a golden goal in the Kuala Lumpur Schools Boys Bangsar Zone Under-15 hockey in what was touted as the best match so far.

The match was hardly a minute old when Akmal put his school ahead, but VI put themselves back in the match with the equaliser in the eighth minute through Ahmad Zulfaris Ahmad Nazari.

With the match at stalemate in regulation time, Akmal popped up again two minutes in extra time with the golden goal.

BTS's victory was the day's highlight at the Education Ministry Hockey Stadium in Pantai, as coach R.Vivekananda fielded only Form One and Form Two players to face their stronger and more technically superior opponents.

"Our team do not have a single 15 year-old player,"said Vivekananda.

BTS will be meeting last year's zone champions, Royal Military College (RMC) in the semi-finals today.

"RMC would be ideal for us as I know their strengths and weaknesses and we are prepared to meet them in the semi-finals tomorrow (today)", said Vivekananda who used to coach RMC.

In other matches RMC beat SMK (B) Methodist 1-0, while SMK Vivekananda beat SMK Sri Hartamas 1-0, as SMK Bukit Bandaraya thrashed SMK Petaling 4-0.

TODAY - s-finals: SMK Bandar Tasik Selatan v Royal Military College (8am); SMK Bukit Bandaraya v SMK Vivekananda.

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