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Gerakan Belia 4B Puchong youngsters taking the league by storm as they continue good form

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GERAKAN Belia 4B Puchong are on course for a semi-final berth in the TNB-QNET Selangor Hockey League.

The team, comprising a group of students from Puchong, recorded wins against Team Sepang and STAR Klang in Group B of Division Five.

Against Team Sepang, Gerakan Belia 4B were impressive as they chalked up a whopping 10-0 win at the KPM Hockey Stadium in Jalan Pantai.

Gerakan Belia 4B were well organised while Team Sepang, despite showing a lot determination, were unable to match their opponents.

Gerakan Belia 4B's goals came from Mohamad Hilmi Zulkifli (3), Ahmad Zahiruddin (2) while Mohamad Alif Irfan Zulkefli, Azriel Iqmal Azny, Mohamad Ekmar Mohamad Isa, Mohamed Zikry Shamsuddin and Mohamed Alif Salehin scored one goal each.

Gerakan Belia 4B continued their winning ways when they met unbeaten STAR Klang. It was a crucial match for both the teams as the winner had the chance to take over the top spot in Group B.

STAR Klang took the lead in the eighth minute through Muhd Hakimi Razali. However Gerakan Belia 4B were not prepared to give in.

They came back strongly in the third quarter with Mohamad Ekmar scoring the equaliser in the 33rd minute. The hardworking forward was on target again in the 41st minute and completed his hat-trick in the 52nd minute.

In between, Mohd Faizol Rozimin scored once for Gerakan Belia 4B in the 38th minute. STAR Klang were not prepared to throw in the towel as they reduced the deficit through a double by Muhd Lugman Zaini in the 55th and 57th minutes but Gerakan Belia 4B stood firm and eventually won 4-3.

Following the win, Gerakan Belia 4B took over the lead with nine points from three wins while STAR Klang, who have played one match more, are second on seven points from two wins and a draw.

SM Sains Selangor, after two matches, are third on four points.

Gerakan Belia 4B team manager Sarah Zaida Zainal said their players were impressive in the three matches played in the league.

"We are looking forward to continue our winning ways. The players are also motivated with their current position at the top of the table, and are eager to qualify for the semi-finals," said Sarah.

In Division Three, Gursticks Hockey Club stayed in contention for a semi-final berth with wins over UKM Staffs and IR Hockey Club. Gursticks club defeated UKM Staffs 4-0 and outclassed IR Hockey Club 2-0 in Group B.

Gursticks Hockey Club, who had lost their opening match, went on the attack looking for an early goal against UKM Staffs. They were rewarded with a penalty corner in the ninth minute with Tarminder Singh scoring.

Gursticks Hockey Club, encouraged by the goal, added a second as Harpreet Singh scored to increase their advantage. Gursticks Hockey Club's third goal came from Gurvinder Singh.

UKM Staffs goalkeeper Irwan Mazli Abdul Malek had a good game as he kept the Gursticks Hockey Club forwards from scoring more goals.

However he could not stop Kiranjit Singh from sounding the board in the third quarter as Gursticks Hockey Club walked away with a convincing 4-0 win.

The battle for the top two spots in Group B has become interesting. Puchong Hockey Club are leading the seven team table with nine points from four outings. Unbeaten Senil Solutions, Goodwood Hockey Club and Gursticks Hockey Club have six points each.

Selangor Hockey Association (SHA) secretary P. Kuganesan said the league has earned a lot interest among hockey enthusiasts in the Klang Valley.

"We are also seeing an increased in the number of spectators for the matches," said Kuganesan.

The league will take a break this weekend and resumes on Sept 23.



Mohamed Alif (in yellow) charging ahead while Team Sepang's Ali Hussain Nasardin tries to stop him.



Harpreet Singh (third from left) of Gursticks Club dribbling past three players from UKM Staffs during their encounter.

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Gerakan Belia 4B's Mohamad Alif Irfan (front in yellow) scores his team's third goal.

TNB-QNET SELANGOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Results

Division Three

Group B: Gursticks bt UKM Staffs 4-0; Gursticks bt IR Hockey Club 2-0.

Division Five (Schools)

Group A: Penkalan Permatang Hockey Team bt SM Bandar Seri Putra 7-0.

Group B: Gerakan Belia 4B Puchong bt Team Sepang 10-0; Gerakan Belia 4B Puchong bt STAR KLang 4-3.

DIVISION FIVE TABLE

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SJI Warriors	3	3	0	0	34	2	9
SM Damansara Damai Senior	3	3	0	0	21	1	9
Pengkalan Permatang Hockey Team	3	2	0	1	36	3	6
Alam Shah Putrajaya	2	1	0	1	9	2	3
SM Bandar Seri Putra	3	0	0	3	0	30	0
SM Sains Alam Shah B	4	0	0	4	0	62	0

Group B

Gerakan Belia 4B Puchong	3	3	0	0	30	3	9
STAR KLang	4	2	1	1	22	7	7
SM Sains Selango	2	1	1	0	16	2	4
SM Damansara Damai Junior	3	1	0	2	1	28	3
Team Sepang	3	1	0	2	12	15	3
SM Sains Alam Shah A	3	0	0	3	0	26	0