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MILO CUP: Champs SSTMI drawn to meet city side in quarter-finals

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DIVISION Two champions Kuala Lumpur Sports School (KLSS) got the raw end of the Milo Cup draw when they were drawn to face Division One champions Tengku Mahkota

Ismail Sports School (SSTMI) in the quarter-finals of the Junior Hockey League which starts on Friday.

Division One runners-up Petaling Jaya City Council (PJCC), who drew Tengku Mahkota Ismail Sports School Juniors, should progress without much fuss, while UniKL Young Guns also have a relatively easy time against Malacca High School.

Division Two runners-up Kelantan are also expected to get the better of Anderson of Ipoh.

The first leg will be on Friday with the return leg to be played on Sunday.

PJCC team manager Zanal Abidin was happy with the draw, but having to travel for away matches bothered him.

"We are not worried about our

opponents because we are ready for any team. Our main concern is having to travel for the away match, and being drawn to play in Taman Daya (Johor Baru) is very troublesome and tiring.

"Even though the draw to play SSTMI Juniors is good, we now have to plan for the logistics to make sure fatigue does not come into the picture," said Zanal.

In the league, PJCC could only edge SSTMI Juniors 3-2 but Zanal's side have come a long way since.

As for KLSS, their semi-final as well as final hero Jagveen Singh is the man to watch in the quarter-finals after scoring five goals in the league.

Jagveen scored crucial goals in the Division Two semi-final win against Anderson Juniors (5-1) as well as the winning goal in the final against Kelantan (2-1) to hand his side their first JHL title in three attempts.

KLSS team manager Zainal Ar-

iffin said: "It cannot get any tougher than this for us (playing the Division One champions) but we have to come to terms with it fast.

"The odds are stacked against us but we will give it our best shot as we have nothing to lose. The first leg will be vital as we cannot let them take a big lead to keep our hopes alive in the second leg."

First Leg (22 Feb): Tengku Mahkota Ismail SS v KL Sports School (Taman Daya, Johor Baru), Anderson v Kelantan (Azlan Shah Stadium), UniKL Young Guns v Malacca High School (National Stadium, Pitch 1), Petaling Jaya City Council v SSTMI Juniors (National Stadium, Pitch 2).

Second Leg (24 Feb): KL Sports School v Tengku Mahkota Ismail SS (Ministry of Education Stadium), Kelantan v Anderson (MPKT Stadium, Terengganu), Malacca High School v UniKL Young Guns (Bukit Serindit Stadium), SSTMI Juniors v Petaling Jaya CC (Taman Daya, Johor Baru).

(All matches at 5.00pm)