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By S. RAMAGURU

KUALA LUMPUR: Tenaga Nasional scored two goals in the last three minutes to eke out a dramatic 3-2 win over Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) in the Premier Division of the Malaysia Hockey League (MHL) at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil.

UniKL went 1-0 up through Mohd Najme Farizal's penalty corner goal in the first minute. Mohd Shahril Saabah equalised for Tenaga in the 29th minute.

UniKL went ahead again, this time through Mohd Nor Aqmal Abdul Ghaffar in the 41st minute.

With three minutes to go, Tenaga turned on the power to get two goals through Azril Misron (57th minute) and Mohd Ramadan (58th) for their second win in the MHL.

Tenaga had beaten Maybank 2-1 in their opening match.

UniKL coach A. Arulselvaraj blamed unforced errors for his team's late collapse.

"Players must take responsibility for their actions. I have told them so many times that we need to be careful in the last quarter. They did not heed my warning. Credit to Tenaga for their fightback," said Arul, whose team suffered their second straight defeat.

Tenaga assistant coach M. Kalisweran attributed their come-from-behind win to being patient.

"I told the boys not to panic when they were down ... and to stick to the game plan," said Kalisweran.

"UniKL play an open game and I knew we could exploit the flanks to get the goals. That's what we did and we scored towards the end of the match.

"It was a good effort by the players. We have a young side and this will only boost their confidence. I'm very happy with this win, especially since we do not have any foreign signings."

UniKL and Tenaga will be in action again tomorrow. UniKL will

face Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) while Tenaga will play champions Terengganu.

In a later match, Terengganu rebounded from their opening day defeat to record their first win – a 5-1 trouncing of Maybank.

Faizal Saari notched a hat-trick, scoring in the ninth, 29th and 39th minutes. Terengganu's other goals were scored by Jorge Leandro Tolini (41st) and Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin (42nd). Maybank replied through Mohd Amerullah Aziz in the 37th minute.

In their opening matches, Terengganu lost 6-2 to KLHC while Maybank were edge 2-1 by Tenaga.

In another match, former champions KLHC were held to a 3-3 draw by Sapura.

Sapura scored through Norshafiq Sumantri (third minute), Mohd Imran (15th) and Faridzul Afiq (48th). KLHC got theirs through Mohd Razie Rahim (14th), Rashid Baharom (19th) and Mohd Umar Bhutta (37th).



That's mine: Tenaga Nasional's Amir Farid Ahmad Fuzi (left) vying for the ball with UniKL's Muhammad Najmi Farizal Jazlan during their Malaysia Hockey League Premier Division match at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil, yesterday. — GLENN GUAN / The Star

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RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

TENAGA	3	UNIKL	2
MAYBANK	1	TERENGGANU	5
KLHC	3	SAPURA	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
TENAGA	2	2	0	0	5	3	6
KLHC	2	1	1	0	9	5	4
SAPURA	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
T'GGANU	2	1	0	1	7	7	3
UNIKL	2	0	0	2	3	5	0
MAYBANK	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

DIVISION ONE

GROUP A

MSP-YP-SSP	0	TNB T'BOLT	2
MSNT-THT	0	MBI	1

GROUP B

PKS-KPM	4	NUR INSAFI	4
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

GROUP A

ATM PERNAMA	1	THE COPS	0
PENANG JRS	0	POLITEKNIK	2

GROUP B

MSN KEDAH	1	PKS-KPM	3
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

(Matches at 5pm unless stated)

DIVISION ONE

GROUP A

MASUM-USM vs BJSS
(KLHA Hockey Stadium)

GROUP B

UNIKL YOUNG GUNS vs POLITEKNIK M'SIA
(National Hockey Stadium, Bukit Jalil)

UITM vs SSTMI - 7pm
(National Hockey Stadium, Bukit Jalil)

AM AIROD vs NUR INSAFI-PENANG
(Tun Razak Stadium)

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

GROUP B

SSTMI-THUNDERBOLTS vs KL SUKMA
(Taman Daya Hockey Stadium)

MANJUNG HA vs PKS-KPM - 8pm
(Azlan Shah Stadium, Ipoh)

MSN KEDAH vs UITM LIONS
(Padang Serai Hockey Turf)