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## Don't expect favours from new coach, says Marhan

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**PETALING JAYA:** Marhan Jalil has warned teammates in the national hockey team not to expect club sentiments and favouritism from new national coach A. Arul Selvaraj.

Instead, expect teamwork.

Marhan has heard Arul constantly used words as "team, intensity, maintain shape" when the latter was his coach at the Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) side during the Malaysia Hockey League matches (MHL).

And the 30-year-old midfielder said they could expect the same team bonding, intense and fun sessions in the national team.

"I have worked with him for quite a while now. He will surely treat everyone equally. When you are in the national team, the club sentiments is not tolerated," he said.

"Every single player gets the same treatment. When I was training under him, he always emphasised on the fact that the team come first and not the individual.

"In UniKL, we have foreign stars, but when on the pitch, we are united. We play as a team, and not solely rely on individuals. Everyone can be a match winner. Our bonding under him got much better, and I expect the same with our national team.

"If we give our 100%, then it will not take long for us to adapt to his ways and methods."

Arul, who was supposed to join the national team as a chief assistant coach, has been announced as the

head coach by the Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC) after Dutchman Roelant Oltmans quit the team on Monday.

Arul, who is based in Dublin, Ireland is expected to arrive in Malaysia on Aug 11. After two weeks of quarantine, he will be able start his job on Aug 26.

His impressive credentials include leading UniKL to the treble – League, TNB Cup and Charity Shield – titles in the recently-ended season.

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