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HOCKEY

TOUGH MISSION FOR UNIKL

Arul's team set to be tested by champions THT

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UNIVERSITI Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) will be either on the road to glory or gloom when they play table-toppers Terengganu Hockey Team (THT) in a Malaysia Hockey League Premier Division tie today.

THT won the corresponding tie earlier in the season 3-0 with goals from Nicolas Enrique, Jang Jong Hyun and Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin.

Jang has gone on to become the league's top-scorer with 19 goals, while Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin is second on nine goals.

THT coach Sarjit Singh, however, acknowledged it would not be easy in the return leg.

"UniKL have started to show their fangs and it would be foolish to ride on the first leg

victory. We need maximum points in our remaining matches to defend our title, and that's what we will play for against UniKL," said Sarjit.

UniKL are currently third in the standings with 22 points and missed out on a chance of putting more distance between them and fourth-placed Tenaga Nasional after a 0-0 draw with TNB Thunderbolts on Wednesday.

They, however, did well to beat Tunku Mahkota Ismail Sports School (SSTMI) 7-0 on Friday.

But THT are in a class of their own and UniKL realise that it will be a David versus Goliath task to get something out of the match.

"A point is all we are after and I am being realistic about it," said UniKL coach Arul Selvaraj.

"THT are in a class of their own and

with the title race so close, they will be at their best.

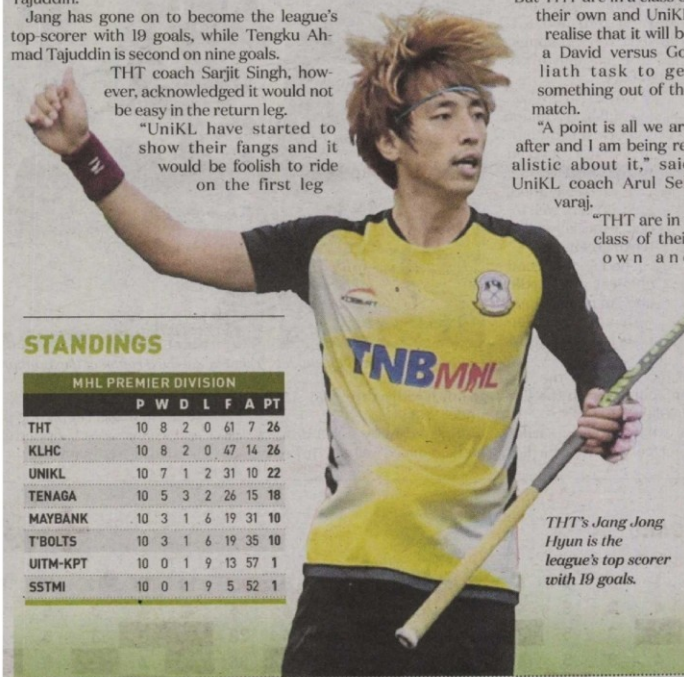
"But make no mistake, we have the ability to pull the rug from under their feet and I expect a close match."

Joint-leaders Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) are expected to win full points, and with a high number of goals, when they play bottom placed SSTMI today.

TODAY: UniKL v Terengganu HT (KLHA, 6pm), UiTM-KPT v Tenaga Nasional (Tun RAzak, 8pm), SSTMI v Kuala Lumpur HC (SSTMI, 7pm), Maybank v TNB Thunderbolts (Malacca, 6pm).

STANDINGS

	MHL PREMIER DIVISION						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
THT	10	8	2	0	61	7	26
KLHC	10	8	2	0	47	14	26
UNIKL	10	7	1	2	31	10	22
TENAGA	10	5	3	2	26	15	18
MAYBANK	10	3	1	6	19	31	10
T'BOLTS	10	3	1	6	19	35	10
UITM-KPT	10	0	1	9	13	57	1
SSTMI	10	0	1	9	5	52	1



THT's Jang Jong Hyun is the league's top scorer with 19 goals.