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THE Malaysia Hockey League (MHL) Charity Shield went to the wire at the Batu Buruk Stadium yesterday, before Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) won in a penalty shoot-out.

KLHC had held Terengganu Hockey Team 2-2 in regulation time, and even the shoot-out ended 4-4, before KLHC nailed the second set of sudden-death 2-1.

The action started in the third quarter after Noor Faez Ibrahim's penalty corner goal in the 31st minute handed KLHC the lead.

However birthday boy Faizal Shaari, who turned 26 yesterday, slammed in a field goal in the 34th minute for the equaliser.

KLHC came back strongly to take the lead again in the 51st minute off Umar Bhutta, only to see THT's South Korean import Jang Jong Hyun flick home the equaliser in the 56th minute to take the match into a shoot-out.

In other matches, teams promoted from Division One received a premier drubbing when Tenaga Nasional hammered their sister club TNB Thunderbolts 6-1.

Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) hit Tunku Ismail Sports School (SSTMI) 5-0 while Maybank edged UiTM-KPT 3-2.

It is going to be a long and hard season for the three new sides in the

Premier Division and they can expect further lessons when they play KLHC and THT.

RESULTS — Premier Division: Terengganu Hockey Team 2 Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club 2 (KLHC win 6-5 on penalties), Tenaga Nasional 6 TNB Thunderbolts 1, UiTM-KPT 2 Maybank 3, Universiti Kuala Lumpur 5 Tunku Mahkota Ismail Sports School 0.

TOMORROW: Terengganu Hockey Team v UiTM-KPT (Batu Buruk, 5pm), Universiti Kuala Lumpur v Tenaga Nasional (KLHA, 4pm), Maybank v SSTMI (Malacca, 6pm), Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club v TNB Thunderbolts (KLHA, 6pm). **Jugjet Singh**



UniKL's Lachlan Gerald Stock (front) celebrates his goal against SSTMI in their MHL Premier Division match at Kuala Lumpur Stadium yesterday. **BERNAMA PIC**