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HOCKEY

KLHC, THT's title bids down to the wire

THE top two teams in the Premier Division of the Malaysia Hockey League (MHL) face a deciding weekend to claim the title which is expected to go to the wire.

Charity Shield holders Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) and double champions Terengganu Hockey Team (THT) are tied on 30 points after 12 matches, and THT lead the standings on a superior goals' difference.

Today, THT must beat Maybank while KLHC are in the same boat against Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) – for a final face-off on Sunday for the title.

“I am preparing the team for the Maybank match and even though they are fifth, they showed their ability by beating UniKL (4-1 on Wednesday).

“We can't afford to lose any points, if we want to defend our title on Sunday against KLHC,” said THT coach Sarjit Singh.

Maybank were hammered 7-3 by TNB Thunderbolts, but they also have a 2-2 draw against Tenaga Nasional and the win against UniKL to indicate that teams can't take them lightly.

KLHC must also win against another erratic team UniKL to challenge for the title.

“As I said before, I believe the title will be won on the last day of the league and its heading towards that provided we keep our heads above water against UniKL,” said KLHC team manager Ahmad Anuar Sham.

Meanwhile, Oman and Egypt will train in Malaysia for the World League Round Two in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on March 4-12.

They are expected to arrive on Sunday, and train in Malaysia until March 1 before heading for Dhaka.

Malaysia, Fiji, Oman and Bangladesh are in Group A while China, Egypt, Fiji and Sri Lanka are in Group B. The finalists will play in the World League Semi-finals which is a Qualifier for the 2018 World Cup in India.

TODAY: Terengganu HT v Maybank (Malacca, 5pm), UniKL v Kuala Lumpur HC (KLHC, 6pm), Tenaga v SSTMI (KLHC, 8pm), TNB Thunderbolts v SSTMI (SSTMI, 5pm). **Jugjet Singh**