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GREAT SHOW: Win over Sapura gives them chance to retain title

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TERENGGANU Hockey Team (THT) rose from the ashes to top the TNB-Malaysia Hockey League Premier Division standings

when they beat Sapura 4-1 at the Batu Buruk Stadium yesterday.

And THT's good luck continued at the Kuala Lumpur Hockey Stadium, when Tenaga Nasional beat Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) 2-1.

The Tenaga upset left KLHC third in the standings, in a match which they were supposed to win and top the table.

After yesterday's upsets, all THT have to do now is to beat Tenaga Nasional at the Batu Buruk Stadium tomorrow to lift the Premier Division League title.

"For me, we played the best game of this season to beat Sapura and top the standings for the first time. And

with Tenaga Nasional pulling off a big upset against KLHC, from outsiders, we now have a chance to defend our title.

"My players, for sure, will not want to let this golden chance slip from our grip," said THT coach Sarjit Singh.

Yesterday, last season's top-scorer Faizal Shaari (17 goals), finally scored his first for THT this year in the 48th minute, while Jang Jong Hyun scored a hat-trick in the sixth, 10th and 24th minutes. The Sapura consolation was scored by Firhan Ashaari in the 59th minute.

Tenaga coach Amin Rahim said: "We played for pride as we had not won in the last eight matches. There was no element of trying to deny KLHC a shot at the title, it was just that we had our pride to keep intact."

And Amin said his charges will do the same against THT tomorrow.

"Even though we are virtually out of the running for the TNB Cup semi-finals, we will still give our very best against THT in our final league match of the season on Sunday.

"We have nothing against THT and their quest to defend their league title, we will again play for pride and end our season with another win," said Amin.

RESULTS — Premier Division: Maybank 1, UniKL 0, Tenaga 2, Kuala Lumpur HC 1, Terengganu HT 4, Sapura HC 1.

Division One: Quarter-finals First Round: TNB Thunderbolts x Nur Insafi x, SSTMI 5, ATM Airod 2, UiTM-KPT 2, Ipoh City Council 1, Politeknik 3, BJSS 2.

TOMORROW: Terengganu HT v Tenaga Nasional (Batu Buruk, 5.30pm), Kuala Lumpur HC v UniKL (KLHA, 8pm), Sapura HC v Maybank (Tun Razak, 6pm).



TNB's Muhammad Shahril Saabah (right) tries to dribble past **KLHC's Ahmad Kazamirul** in their TNB-Malaysia Hockey League Premier Division match at the Kuala Lumpur Hockey Stadium yesterday.