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PETALING JAYA: Maybank need to be on their toes if they wish to stay as title contenders in the second half of the Malaysian Hockey League (MHL).

Maybank team manager Zamzam Mohd Ali is aware that the team's remaining matches in the league are not going to be easy.

Their recent 2-2 draw with Kuala Lumpur City on Friday was not to Zamzam's satisfaction.

"The performance was below par. We had multiple chances from strokes and penalty corners to take the lead," he said.

"We only have ourselves to blame.

"It's not that we lost the game, we got one point but it is not enough," he said.

The draw had pushed them down to second place in the league, tied at 14 points with Tenaga Nasional who lead by goal difference, and Terengganu in third with 13 points.

Maybank now need to win their remaining four games as they take on Liaoning today at the National Hockey Stadium, followed by Young Elephants on Feb 21 and UiTM on Feb 23. It will be a tough order for the team as their final match will see them clash with last year's treble winners Terengganu on Feb 27.

"We just have to focus on the last game, we are tied in points with Tenaga but they lead us by goal margin," he said.

"Terengganu are a very strong team and we can't underestimate them and what they can bring."