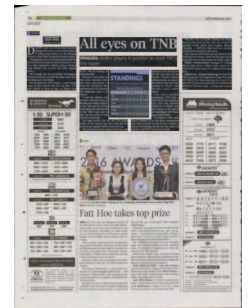


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SPOILERS: Amin's players in position to crush THT's title hopes

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DESPITE only one win in nine matches, Tenaga Nasional are now in the position of being king makers in the Premier Division of the TNB-Malaysia Hockey League.

Tenaga had a record of three draws and five defeats before Friday but their awesome 2-1 win over title contenders Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) has turned the table upside down.

The Tenaga win has propelled Terengganu Hockey Team into the title limelight, after they beat Sapura 4-1 on Friday.

The equation for THT is easy — beat Tenaga today at Batu Buruk and win the title. THT can't afford to draw or lose, as Sapura and

KLHC will be waiting to claim the title.

"We have had some really close matches with one goal separating us from the favourites this whole season. We even lost the Alagendra Cup 2-1 to Sapura.

"I told my players that we have nothing to lose in the last two league matches (as TNB are out of the running for the semi-finals of the TNB Cup) and to play for the pride of the club they represent.

"We beat KLHC (2-1) for the first three points of the season and now will play for another win against THT in their own den.

"My players have been trained not to fear any

opponent. Even though we are the only team in the Premier Division without foreign players, our players have shown that they have promise in them," said Tenaga coach Amin

Rahim.

Last year's double champions THT had a sorry start to the season as they lost the Charity Shield 2-1 to KLHC, and were never at the top of the standings until Tenaga propelled them.

"It's easier to win a title than to defend it for the third consecutive year. But now that we are in that position, I believe everything will fall our way again on Sunday," said THT coach Sarjit Singh.

The two aces up Sarjit's sleeves are South Korean Jang Jong Hyun, who has scored 10 penalty corner goals, and Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin — with five field and two penalty corner rebound goals to his name.

THT, Sapura and KLHC have qualified for the TNB Cup semi-finals, while the final slot will be a decider between Maybank and UniKL today.

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

Division One — Q-finals, Second Leg: Nur Insafi (1) v TNB Thunderbolts (3) (Sungai Petani, 5pm), ATM Airod (2) SSTMI (5) (Tun Razak, 8pm), Ipoh City Council (1) v Uitm-KPT (2) (Azlan Shah, 6pm), BJSS (2) v Politeknik (3) (Ministry of Education, 6pm) — 1st leg scores in parenthesis.



STANDINGS							
PREMIER DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
THT	9	6	1	2	26	15	19
SAPURA	9	6	0	3	15	15	18
KLHC	9	5	2	2	26	13	17
MAYBANK	9	3	1	5	17	30	10
UNIKL	9	2	1	6	8	13	7
TENAGA	9	1	3	5	16	22	6