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PETALING JAYA: Tenaga Nasional are having a good run in the Malaysian Hockey League so far, but head coach Nor Saiful Zaini knows more can be achieved within the team.

Nor Safful Zaini knows more can be achieved within the team. Even though the defending champions got their third win of the season after defeating Matador 6-1 on Sunday at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jali, Nor Saiful wants his players to step their game up, especially those who have yet to play for the national team.

Tenaga have a week to refocus

themselves before their next fixture against UITM on Jan 26.

"The way that we have been playing, I am very satisfied with, because we have been playing to our strengths," said Nor Saiful.

"But for some of our non-national players, they need to improve on how they play together with the senior players. "If they can improve themselves just

"If they can improve themselves just by even 10%, we can be better. That is something that I want to brush on during training and video sessions," he said.

Tenaga already have several players who are in the Speedy Tigers squad, including Syed Mohd Syafiq Syed Cholan, Marhan Jalil, Shello Silveries, Azrai Aizad Abu Kamal, and Nik Mohd Aiman Nik

Shello had scored first during their match against Matador in the fifth minute, followed by Azrai (20th), South Korean Jang Jong-hyun (21st and 59th), Syafiq (40th), and Haris Iskandar Osman (60th), while Matafor's goal came from Eswaran George in the 41st minute. Tenaga's only blemish this season so

Tenaga's only blemish this season so far has been their 1-2 loss to Terengganu in the Charity Shield match earlier this month. Nor Saiful added that although the

Nor Saiful added that although the team had time to prepare before the start of the season, being in the competition atmosphere has been helpful to their performance.

"We had the time to get ready, but it wasn't enough. We did not have the

game temperament of an actual game up to that point. "We lacked about 20 percent on our

"We lacked about 20 percent on our shooting and sharpness, but have since recovered and are on track now," he

said.

Tenaga went on to win 7-3 against the TNB Thunderbolts in their second fixture, followed by a 5-0 victory against Liaoning and are currently third in the table with nine points, behind Maybank in second with 12 and Terengganu at the top with 15 points.