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PETALING JAYA: Tenaga Nasional have scored a mammoth 70 goals in the Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) in nine games but there is still no room for celebration yet.

Yesterday, they registered another effortless 5-0 win over UiTM at the National Hockey Stadium.

Tenaga coach Norsauful Zaini said his team, who boast 13 internationals, were finally gelling well and would go for a win against JM Antbees in their final game tomorrow to pile the pressure on defending champions Terengganu.

“We started the league slowly as many of our players were back from international duties but we have picked up the pace and have started playing better,” said Norsauful.

“However, the league has always been a three-way race and our draws with Maybank (3-3) and Terengganu (2-2) means that the league title race will go down to the wire.

“If we had won one of those matches, we could have wrapped up the title but we have to wait until the last day to see what happens.

“I think the positive thing is that we are picking up nicely for the TNB Cup which will begin on March 1. We hope to win the trophy.”

The top eight teams from the 11-team league will advance to the quarter-finals of the TNB Cup.

Tenaga’s goals yesterday came from South Korean drag flicker Jang Jong-hyun who scored



A Korean to stick with: Tenaga Nasional’s Jang Jong-hyun (left) scored a brace against UiTM in their match at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil yesterday. — MHC

through penalty corners in the 38th and 41st minutes, followed by Amirul Hamizan Azhar (28th), and Syed Syafiq Syed Mohd Cholan and Faiz Hemi Jali both within the 54th minute.

Meanwhile, KL City stayed in the race to earn the final TNB Cup slot after beating China club Liaoning 3-2 in Bukit Jalil yesterday.

The inexperienced KL City, with the majority of their members playing in the MHL for the first time, must beat Young Elephants in their last game tomorrow to seal the eighth spot and qualify for the TNB Cup.

Tenaga, Maybank, Terengganu, Nurinsafi, Thunderbolts, UiTM and Liaoning have also secured their spots in the TNB Cup.

MALAYSIAN HOCKEY LEAGUE RESULTS & STANDINGS

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
T. NASIONAL	5	5	0	0	70	9	23
TNB T'BOLTS	4	4	0	0	48	6	23
Y. EPHANTS	4	3	0	1	35	10	22*
KL CITY	3	3	0	0	23	31	9
UITM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARMED FORCES	1	0	0	1	17	52	6
JM ANTBEES	2	0	0	2	16	63	0
LIAONING	2	0	0	2	36	22	21*
T'BOLTS	10	5	0	5	28	27	15
UITM	9	5	0	4	25	25	15
LIAONING	9	3	0	6	23	31	9
KL CITY	9	2	1	6	18	45	7
Y. ELEPHANTS	9	2	0	7	14	40	6
ARMED FORCES	10	2	0	8	17	52	6
JM ANTBEES	9	0	0	9	16	63	0

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

UTIM vs LIAONING (4pm) (National Hockey Stadium, pitch 1)
YOUNG ELEPHANTS vs KL CITY (4pm) (National Hockey Stadium, pitch 2)
TENAGA NASIONAL vs JM ANTBEES (6pm) (National Hockey Stadium, pitch 1)
TERENGGANU vs MAYBANK (6pm) (National Hockey Stadium, pitch 2)