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KUALA LUMPUR: Tenaga Nasional are slowly getting back into form in the Premier Division of the Malaysia Hockey League (MHL).

They nearly pulled off an upset against double champions Terengganu – leading 4-3 before the east coast team equalised in the dying minutes to end the game 4-4.

Inspired, Tenaga's all-local line-up are ready to put on another good performance against Premier Division leaders Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) at the Kuala Lumpur Hockey Stadium today.

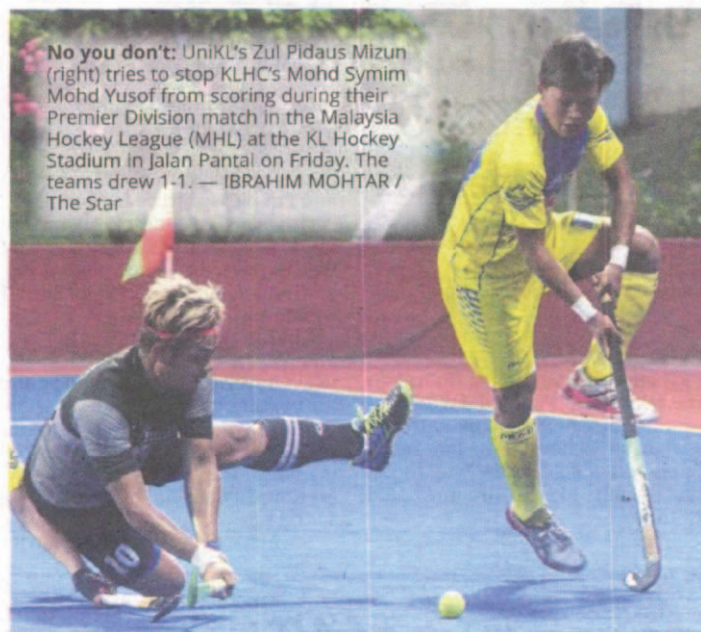
It still makes dire reading for Tenaga in the six-team standings as they have only one point after three matches – having lost 4-3 to Maybank and 1-0 to Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL).

KLHC, powered by six foreigners, are sitting pretty atop the standings with seven points after three matches.

Tenaga coach Mohd Amin Rahim admitted that "KLHC are, on paper, a more superior team".

"They are solid in every department, but we're ready to give them a good fight," said Amin.

"I'm happy that my men played true to their form against fancied



No you don't: UniKL's Zul Pidaus Mizun (right) tries to stop KLHC's Mohd Symim Mohd Yusof from scoring during their Premier Division match in the Malaysia Hockey League (MHL) at the KL Hockey Stadium in Jalan Pantar on Friday. The teams drew 1-1. — IBRAHIM MOHTAR / The Star

Terengganu ... and we came close to creating an upset.

"My players are getting back their form, so I'm confident they can at least get a point against KLHC."

Tenaga will again be without main striker Mohd Shahril Saabah, who is still recovering from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident just days before the Premier

Division started on Aug 19.

KLHC coach Harun Al-Rashid is also wary of Tenaga after watching his team grind out a 1-1 draw against UniKL on Friday.

"We were very lucky to escape with a point against UniKL (on Friday) ... they came close to beating us," said the Singaporean coach.

"We put ourselves under unnecessary pressure after taking a 1-0 lead. A one-goal lead is never good enough to win a match.

"We need to make full use of our chances. We can expect another torrid time against Tenaga, who played very well against Terengganu."

UniKL are also brimming with confidence after Friday's draw.

The university team will start as favourites against Maybank at the Kuala Lumpur Hockey Stadium today, having beaten the Tigers 1-0 in the first round of the Tan Sri P. Alagendra Knockout Trophy tournament on Tuesday.

In the only game to be played at the Tun Razak Hockey Stadium in Jalan Duta here, Terengganu's hopes of retaining the title will be put to another stern test when they face second-placed Sapura.