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HOCKEY

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CONFIDENT: Coaches believe UniKL, Tenaga ready for challenge after holding title favourites

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UNIVERSITI Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) and Tenaga Nasional will be riding on their mammoth draws against the title favourites when they face another challenging time in the Premier Division of the Malaysia Hockey League today.

On Friday, UniKL held Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) 1-1, while all-local outfit Tenaga Nasional did the unthinkable by holding double champions Terengganu Hockey team (THT) 4-4.

UniKL will play Maybank while Tenaga square off against KLHC today.

Tenaga assistant coach M. Kaliswaran said they hope to ride on the draw tide in another gruelling match.

"We are the only team in the Premier Division without foreign signings, and it was a proud moment when we held double champions THT to a draw (THT have six foreign signings).

"And tomorrow (today) I believe my players will be riding on that boost when we face another title contender," said Kaliswaran.

It was Tenaga's first point after three matches, as they lost 4-3 to Maybank and 1-0 to UniKL previously.

UniKL coach Arul Selvaraj echoed the same sentiments.

"After grabbing a point from table-toppers KLHC, I believe my young brigade will face their next match with more confidence.

"But we have our feet firmly on the ground, and even though we had beaten Maybank last week in the Tan Sri Alagendra Cup (1-0), it will be an entirely different proposition

STANDINGS

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
KLHC	3	2	1	0	8	4	7
SAPURA	3	2	0	1	7	6	6
THT	3	1	1	1	10	7	4
UNIKL	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
MAYBANK	3	1	0	2	6	10	3
TENAGA	3	0	1	2	7	9	1

this time around.

"We need to be more clinical, as at times we are guilty of wasting too many chances," said Arul.

TODAY: KLHC v Tenaga Nasional (KLHA, 6pm), Sapura v Terengganu HT (Tun Razak, 8pm), UniKL v Maybank (KLHA, 8pm).