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## **KLHC whip UiTM to go back on top**

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KUALA LUMPUR: Defending league champions Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) regained the lead in Premier Division of the Malaysia Hockey League (MHL) with a polished display to down UiTM 10-0 at the KL Hockey Stadium here yesterday.

KLHC now have 18 points after seven matches in the nine-team competition and hold a two-point lead over Tenaga Nasional.

In the match, which was a replay of a Jan 14 fixture abandoned after 21 minutes due to heavy rain, forward Ismail Abu chalked up a hat-trick with goals in the 4th, 34th and 43rd minutes.

The other scorers for KLHC were Harvinder Singh (25th), Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin (28th), Mohamed Razie (54th, 60th), Azli Misron (56th), Ahmad Annuar Sham Kamar (67th) and Mohamed Amerullah (69th).

KLHC coach K. Dharmaraj was pleased with the result and performance of the players.

“It is good to be back on top of the standings. Getting the three points was what mattered most,” he said.

“The goals are flowing and we are happy that the players are making good use of their chances. Many of the reserve players were fielded today and it paid off with good performance from them.”

Dharmaraj added that the morale of the team had been boosted and they were encouraged to stay ahead of the chasing pack.

This weekend’s round of matches to take the competition to the half way mark will be played at the USM Stadium in Penang.