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## HOCKEY

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**CLASSIC ENCOUNTER:** Fans are in for a treat as they can expect a free flowing game

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**T**ENGGU Mahkota Ismail Sports School (SSTMI) are confident, while UniKL Young Guns are happy to play the underdogs in the Junior Hockey League Milo Cup final at National Stadium in Bukit Jalil today.

Both the teams, and their coaches, are no strangers as they will be meeting each other in the fourth consecutive Milo Cup final since 2010.

UniKL won the first encounter, but SSTMI (then known as Bandar Penawar Sports School) came back strongly in the last two finals and are the favourites for a hat-trick of titles.

"We beat them in the League (3-2) even though we did not have our best who were recovering from injuries. For the final, we have the full squad, and that is why I am confident that my players are ready to lift their third Milo Cup title," said SSTMI coach Wan Roslan Wan Rahman.

SSTMI were hit badly when four of their players were involved with motorbike accidents in the middle of the league.

Amirul Aideed and Azwar Rahman were the worst hit and were out for action for two weeks, while Firdaus Omar and Ridzwan Azmi continued playing with some barely healed scars.

"That is when we lost to Anderson (3-2) and also struggled to beat UniKL in our last league match to seal the League title," said Wan Rahman.

It was a seven-goal thriller when the two met, and today is expected to be no different as free flowing hockey will be played.

"We will be going in as the underdogs as we not only lost to SSTMI in the last two finals, but also in the League this season,"

said UniKL coach Faiz Isa.

"It was very difficult to swallow our first Milo Cup defeat to SSTMI in 2011, and the next year we fell again and the feeling was really bad.

"I have motivated my players and hopefully, we will be celebrating after the 70 minutes are over this season," said Faiz.

**TODAY — Final:** Tengku Mahkota Ismail SS v UniKL Young Guns (8pm); **Third-Fourth:** SSTMI Juniors v Andersons (6pm).

Both matches at the National Hockey Stadium, Pitch II, in Bukit Jalil.

