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KUALA LUMPUR: Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) coach Arul Selvaraj hopes to pull off an upset when his team start their Malaysia Hockey League (MHL) campaign against double winners Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) at the National Hockey stadium in Bukit Jalil today.

UniKL finished fifth in last year's six-team league but Arul believes this season they can mount a better challenge as his players are more matured.

"Compared to last year, we did not have much time to prepare for the new season as I just joined the team on Tuesday after the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup last Sunday," said Arul, who is the national team's assistant coach.

"KLHC had gone through a major revamp this season and might not be sharp in the early stages of the season. It gives us a chance to snatch a win. It's always good to play the big boys of the league early as it gives us a chance to gauge ourselves. I believe if we do everything right during the match, the results will come."

UniKL have two experienced players in skipper Baljit Singh Charun and former international S. Selvaraju.

Arul also has the highly rated young defender G. Kavin Kartik to bolster his defence.

"We retained 80% of our players from last season and I was happy to see the players are still fresh and sharp," added the 39-year-old Arul.

Dependable: Skipper Baljit Singh Charun is among the experienced players in UniKL.

