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THE Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) match was everything the fans hoped it would be as the two arch-rivals battled it out till the penalty shootout before Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) edged KL Hockey Club (KLHC) 3-2 to clinch the Charity Shield in Bukit Jalil yesterday.

There was little to separate the two teams as the score stood at 3-3 at full-time. The 15-minute extra-time failed to yield a result.

TNB were the deserving winners as the all-local side played entertaining hockey while KLHC failed to convert a single penalty corner out of five chances created in regulation time.

TNB made it count in the shootout by beating goalkeeper Roslan Jamaluddin three times through Faisal Saari, Amir Farid Ahmad Fuzi and Firhan Ashaari while missing just once.

KLHC, last year's double champions, managed two goals through Pakistan duo Wassen Ahmad and

Muhd Umar Bhutta.

TNB international goalkeeper S. Kumar was a huge stumbling block for KLHC as he saved three attempts in the shootout.

The Charity Shield also doubled up as a league match, meaning both teams earned a point each.

Faisal Saari was TNB's hero, scoring a brace off penalty corner conversions in the 25th and 62nd minutes while Firhan netted their opening goal after eight minutes.

National striker Chua Boon Huat scored a brace via field attempts for KLHC in the third and 42nd minutes while Umar added the third in the 57th minute.

RESULTS — Premier Division: Sapura 3 Maybank 5, Nur Insafi Warriors 1 UniKL 2, TNB 3 KLHC 3 (Charity Shield-TNB won 3-2 on penalty shoot-out)

Division One: TNB Thunderbolts 2 UNITEN 0, UiTM 6 SSTMI 1, Ipoh-MBI 2 Sunday 2030 KL 3. **By Ajitpal Singh**