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Hockey ace closer to dream after earning UPM degree

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KUALA LUMPUR: National hockey player M. Jivan's childhood dream was to become a police officer. And this could become a reality for the Penang-born player, who obtained a degree in the Human Resource Development during the convocation of the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in Serdang yesterday.

The 25-year-old midfielder, who has 98 international caps to his credit, said that it was not easy to juggle time between study and to train

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and play hockey for the country.

"However, it was all worthwhile as I obtained the second class upper degree. I thank my parents (Y. Mohan and Chua Cheok Kooi) for their support and encouragement," said Jivan.

Jivan, who made his senior international debut in the Bangladesh Prime Minister Cup in 2001, said that he would apply for a job as an Assistant Superintendent of Police.

"It was my dream since I was young to become a police officer," said Jivan, whose elder brother Jiwa quit the national team in May.

Jivan, who has represented Sapura in the Malaysia Hockey League (MHL) since 2003, said that he also hoped to help his club win one of the two titles this year.

"We failed to win any silverware last year and we will give our best this time," he said.

Sapura, who came back from a goal down to beat Maybank 2-1 in the opening match on Friday, will face favourites Ernst and Young today.

"We hope to get the better of Ernst and Young, who have several national players," said Jivan.



Family joy: M. Jivan is chaired by his father Y. Mohan and friends Kevinder Singh and Jayaprakash after the Universiti Putra Malaysia convocation yesterday. Looking on (from left) are elder brother Jiwa, sister-in-law Tarveen, younger brother Jayarajan and mother Chua Cheok Kooi.