UPM rule the roost

DEFENDING champions Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) won all their seven matches to top Division One and retain the Malaysian University Sports Council (Masum) Hockey League title on Sunday.

UPM beat Universiti Teknologi Mara (3-2), Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (4-1), Universiti Tenaga Nasional (4-1), Universiti Malaya (5-3), Universiti Sains Malaysia (6-2) and Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (9-3).

In their final league match, UPM thrashed Universiti Malaysia Perlis 7-2 at the Universiti Sains Malaysia synthetic turf hockey stadium in Minden on Sunday.

Universiti Teknologi Mara, who won six matches and lost one, finished second while last year's Division Two champions, Universiti Sains Malaysia, won four games, drew one and lost two to settle for third.

Meanwhile, in the Division Two final, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) upset favourites Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) 2-1. UTM took the lead in the fourth minute when Muhd Shaiful Nizam Aswan beat two opponents to score.

In the 58th, UTM made it 2-0 when Mohd Hilmi Hafidz Mohd Haidir scored off a penalty corner, but UPSI battled on and were rewarded when Aniq Amran reduced the deficit in the 67th minute but their attempts for more goals proved futile.

RESULTS — Div 1 (League): 1 Universiti Putra Malaysia, 2 Universiti Teknologi Mara, 3 Universiti Sains Malaysia.

Div 2, S-finals: Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris 2 Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia 0; Universiti Teknologi Malaysia 4 Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia 3.

Final: Universiti Teknologi Malaysia 2 Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris 1. By K. Kandiah