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KUALA LUMPUR: The national hockey team management have dropped nine players and added five new ones as they trimmed the training squad from 30 to 26.

The nine dropped were Mohamed Noo Faez (UniKL), Amir Farid Ahmad Fuzi (Tenaga), Hafifahafiz Hanafi (Maybank), Jiwa Mohar (Maybank), Mohd Sallehin Ghani (Tenaga), Mohd Syamim Mohd Yusof (KLHC), Mohd Amerullah Aziz (Terengganu), Shahril Mohammad (Maybank) and Ismail Abu (Terengganu).

Ismail was omitted as he will be undergoing rehab for a leg injury and the team management will monitor his progress.

The five new players in the training squad are Ahmad Kazamirul Nasruddin (KLHC), Azreen Rizal Nasir (Sapura), Khairulnizan Ibrahim (Tenaga), Meor Mohamed Azuan (UniKL) and Mohamed Firhan Azhaar (Tenaga).

The 26 players will shoulder the burden of taking Malaysia back into the World Cup in

2014.

Their two assignments – both qualifiers for the 2014 Finals – are the World League semi-finals in Johor Baru in June and the Asia Cup in Ipoh in August.

“This is the training squad we will use to pick the teams for the World League and Asia Cup. Qualification for the World Cup remains the target,” said national coach Paul Revington yesterday.

“But we’ll take it one tournament at a time.

“The squad will assemble on May 21 and we’ll have a three-day camp in Johor Baru.

“Then, our two goalkeepers – S. Kumar and Roslan Jamaluddin – will go to Amsterdam for a stint from May 21-28.”

The team will play five matches against the visiting Liaoning Province team from China from May 26-June 1 before leaving for South Africa on June 2 to play four matches against club sides there.

The final 20 players for the Johor Baru assignment will be named when they return from South Africa.



S. Kumar: Off to a training stint in Amsterdam.

The squad

The 26-man training side: S. Kumar, Roslan Jamaluddin, Khairulnizan Ibrahim, Chua Boon Huat, Azlan Misron, Faiz Helmy Jali, Faizal Saari, Izwan Firdaus, Jivan Mohan, Mohd Shukri Mutalib, Fitri Saari, Mohd Shahrul Nabil, Nabil Fitri Mohd Nor, Mohd Ramadhan Rosli, Mohd Marhan Jalil, Mohd Razie Rahim, Norhizat Sumantri, Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin, Mohd Izad Hakimi, Mohd Azammi Adabi, Baljit Singh, Ahmad Kazamirul Nasruddin, Meor Mohd Azuan, Azreen Rizal Nasir, Mohd Firhan Azhaari, Mohd Amin Rahim.