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KL Dragons Keep Playoff Hopes Alive, Winning Match 78 – 71 Against Singapore Slingers

Kuala Lumpur, Sunday: The third and final qualifying match between KL Dragons and Singapore Slingers took place today at MABA Stadium, Malaysia.

The two teams first met on 22 November at the Singapore Indoor Stadium, where the KL Dragons handed the Singapore Slingers their first home loss of the season, winning the match 84 – 74. The Slingers quickly had their revenge on 11 January when the two teams met again at the same venue, and took the match 92 – 74 against KL Dragons.

Today the KL Dragons sent in Jamal Brown, Fhadzmir Bandaying, John Ng, Rudy Lingganay and Chris Kuete to go up against Slingers' Michael LeBlanc, Kyle Jeffers, Marcus Ng, Al Vergara, Hong Wei Jian.

Slinger's Kyle Jeffers won the jumpball against Dragons' Jamal Brown but Dragons' Rudy Lingganay quickly stole the ball and scored a 3 pointer, giving the team an early lead. Two minutes later, Slingers quickly equalized and with four minutes left to the quarter, the Slingers increased their lead to 8 points. KL Dragons upped their game and with two minutes left on the quarter, both teams were neck-in-neck but soon the Dragons pulled ahead ending the quarter with a score of 24 – 18 against the Slingers.

The KL Dragons knowing the importance of today's match, continued to push hard in the second quarter ending 44 – 31 against Slingers at half time. The Dragons further increased their lead after half time, taking the quarter 66 – 49 against the Slingers.



The Singapore Slingers pushed hard in the fourth quarter, slowly reducing KL Dragons' lead, but the Dragons still held on tight, and at the final buzzer KL Dragons had won the match 78 – 71 against the Singapore Slingers.

A win here keeps the KL Dragons hopes alive for reaching the playoffs. With just one more match against Satria Muda BritAma at the BritAma Arena Jakarta on 23 January, the KL Dragons will be fighting hard to fend off the Brunei Barracudas and remain in fourth place.

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Team Standings

Position	Team	Played	Won	Loss	For	Against	Points
1	Philippine Patriots	14	10	4	1019	958	24
2	Satria Muda BritAma	14	8	6	1052	1005	22
3	Singapore Slingers	13	8	5	946	912	21
4	KL Dragons	14	6	8	1023	1087	20
5	Brunei Barracudas	13	6	7	1029	1052	19
6	Thailand Tigers	14	3	11	1031	1086	17