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PETALING JAYA: Tenaga National will be looking for their first win today after they were held to a 3-3 draw against Maybank in the Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) opener.

Tenaga take on their junior outfit TNB Thunderbolts today and head coach Norsaiiful Zaini is confident his men can claim the victory but is nonetheless taking a cautious approach.

"It's hard to compare Maybank and the Thunderbolts, it won't be a major challenge to take on the juniors.

"But we will still be cautious with our approach in the match, we can't take any match for granted no matter who our opponents are," he said.

Saiful's men came from behind in the opening match to claim a single point as all eyes were on South Korean Jang Jong-hyun.

The veteran defender from Seoul, previ-



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ously with Terengganu, was recently added to Tenaga's squad this year.

Although he did not score, Saiful is patient with Jong-hyun's progress in the team.

"It was his first game with us, so let us give him the chance to improve in the following matches.

"It was an important match against Maybank and we secured one point.

"Maybank are a strong team with good defence. I'm sure Jong-hyun will come back in the next game."

Saiful added that the team will need a little more time for the players to gel with each other.

"Right now we still can't see the team's structure well, it doesn't seem solid yet.

"Many are national players, so they are playing well, and in time we will see the improvements."

In their opening match, it was Tenaga's evergreen Syed Syafiq Syed Mohd Cholan who mounted the team's comeback, scoring through a penalty stroke and later converting a penalty corner to reduce the deficit to 2-3.

After Maybank received a red card through captain Najmi Farizal Jazlan, Tenaga took the opportunity to find the equaliser as Nik Aiman Nik Rozemi made it 3-3 in the 54th minute.