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Coach wants more after T'ganu zap Tenaga to end Charity Shield defeats

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PETALING JAYA: Terengganu's winning start to the 2025 Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) has spurred the team on to keep their good start going.

Terengganu began their MHL campaign in style after defeating last season's treble winners Tenaga Nasional 2-1 in the Charity Shield at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil on Saturday.

The win for Terengganu comes after a long wait following their losses to Tenaga in three past editions of the Charity Shield.

Head coach Harfizi Baharom is hoping his players can maintain their winning start when they play Maybank today.

"Winning the Charity Shield is a boost in morale for all the players," said Harfizi.

"We will keep trying to improve our skills when it comes to converting goals.

"There were several opportunities that presented themselves for us during the Charity Shield, but we could not make them count," he said.



Terengganu players celebrating their Charity Shield win over Tenaga Nasional in the 2025 Malaysian Hockey League. — Bernama

But Harfizi was left pleased with his team's performance, as the victory marked a long-awaited win for Terengganu after losing to Tenaga in three previous Charity Shield editions.

However, there is still work to be done as there are many matches to be played in the league, and Harfizi wants to see improvements.

"We are grateful because the players performed great from start to finish and were determined mentally to win the match without it going to penalty shoot-outs.

"We definitely had some shortcomings that we want to overcome during training sessions, especially in terms of the combinations between local and foreign players," he said.

In the Charity Shield match, South Korean Jang Jong-hyun gave Tenaga the lead after converting a penalty strike in the 27th minute.

But Terengganu were quick to equalise in the 30th minute when veteran Faizal Saari converted a penalty corner.

Terengganu eventually found their winning goal in the third quarter when Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin Tengku Abdul Jalil converted another penalty corner in the 42nd minute.

In the women's Charity Shield match, the Blue Warriors won the

MALAYSIAN HOCKEY LEAGUE RESULTS

MEN			
T'GANU	2	TENAGA	1
MAYBANK	3	ARMED FORCES	1
TODAY'S FIXTURE			
MAYBANK vs TERENGGANU			
(National Hockey Stadium Pitch 2, 6pm)			
WOMEN			
RESULTS			
N. SEMBILAN	2	Q. PHOENIX	2
B. WARRIORS	1	M. UNIVERSITY	0

fixture by taking down defending champions Malaysian University 1-0.