KUALA LUMPUR — Perak secured their place in the 53rd TNB Tun Abdul Razak Cup final after dismantling Kuala Lumpur 3-2 last night.

Despite the tough fight, Perak coach K. Yogeswaran had full confidence in his boys.

“We knew that they (Kuala Lumpur) would be a tough opponent to beat, but I knew my boys were determined enough to win it,” he said.

Perak snagged their first goal as early as the third minute thanks to Haziq Samsul while Hafiz Hanafi gave the team another goal in the 19th minute and Azlan Misron gave Perak the winning goal in the 26th minute.

“The game was intense ... it was daunting to see how Kuala Lumpur put up a fight,” Yogeswaran said.

“They wanted to win as much as we did and we gave each other a great game.”

Perak are looking to clinch their third consecutive title when they face Malacca in the final at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil at 8.30pm today.

“Claiming the title for a third consecutive time is not impossible if the players maintain their focus,” said Perak manager Datuk Azhar Ahmad.

“We won’t shy away from the opportunity to leave a new legacy for Perak in the cup.”
Ashran Hamsari steals the ball from a Kuala Lumpur player during the semifinals yesterday.
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