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TNB CUP SEMI-FINAL SECOND LEG RESULTS

TERENGGANU 3 MAYBANK 1
(Terengganu win 6-1 on aggregate)

PETALING JAYA: Terengganu stormed into the TNB Cup final after outplaying rivals Maybank 3-1 in the second leg of the semi-finals at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil yesterday.

The victory gave Terengganu a runaway 6-1 aggregate and the confidence to defend their title tomorrow.

Tenaga Nasional have already clinched the league title and the Charity Shield in the Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) this season.

Terengganu had taken a three-goal cushion with a 3-0 win in the first leg of the semi-finals on Tuesday but Maybank had threatened make a strong comeback by scoring as early as the second minute yesterday.

Razie Rahim, who fired blanks in the previous match, scored through a penalty corner to give his side some hope.

However, Terengganu tightened their grip as influential striker Faizal Saari struck a double blow by converting a penalty corner in the 16th minute and scoring a field goal in the 47th minute.

Veteran Ismail Abu added



Lethal: Faizal Saari (second from right) scored twice for Terengganu in their 3-1 win over Maybank in the second leg of the TNB Cup semi-finals yesterday. — MHC

another field goal in the 28th minute to underline Terengganu's domination.

Terengganu captain Fitri Saari hailed his players' confident display despite conceding an early goal yesterday.

"We know Maybank will start aggressively but we were prepared to counter them. Although

they scored early, we remained focused and came back strongly," said Fitri.

"Faizal has also regained his touch and has been contributing important goals for us while our defence was solid during penalty corner set pieces.

"Firdaus (Omar) is one of the finest first runners in the country

and he managed to ensure Razie didn't score many through penalty corners."

Faizal has so far scored 22 goals in the MHL and his form will be crucial in Terengganu's title push tomorrow.

They will play the winners of the match between Tenaga and UiTM.