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Going for the kill: Maybank's Muhajir Abdu Rauf (right) attempting a shot against Armed Forces during a Malaysia Hockey League (MHL) match on Thursday. — RAJA FAISAL HISHAN/The Star

Maybank stand a chance to pip favourites Tenaga for MHL crown

By K.M. BOOPATHY

PETALING JAYA: Maybank are in with a genuine chance of winning the league title ahead of favourites Tenaga Nasional but they must avoid the tendency of stumbling towards the end of the Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) to miss the boat.

League champions in 1994 and 1995, Maybank had held Tenaga by their throats in the opening MHL match on Feb 2 as they took a 3-0 lead, only to see their rivals fight back for a 3-3 draw.

The 2-2 draw between Tenaga and Terengganu on Wednesday have tilted the tide in Maybank's favour but they need to win their remaining league matches to secure the title after 30 years.

Tenaga won the Charity Shield against Terengganu in shootout (3-1) after the 2-2 draw but it has also dented their hopes of winning the treble.

Terengganu are still in the running and provided that they win all

MALAYSIA HOCKEY LEAGUE

RESULTS

MAYBANK	10	JM ANTBEES	0
TENAGA	8	Y. ELEPHANTS	1
T'GANU	5	LIAONING	2
KLCITY	1	A. FORCES	3
NURINSAFI	5	UITM	4

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

JM ANTBEES vs UITM (6pm)
(Bertam, Penang)

T'BOLTS vs TERENGGANU (6pm)
(National Hockey Stadium, pitch 1)

ARMED FORCES vs YOUNG ELEPHANTS (6pm)
(National Hockey Stadium, pitch 2)

NURINSAFI vs MAYBANK (2pm)
(Bertam, Penang)

their matches including their final game against Maybank on Feb 27, the east coast giants would be able to secure the league crown again.

Maybank team manager Zamzam Mohd Ali said that team's

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target is to win the league and the TNB Cup double and while they have the chance to do it, a more consistent performance would help their cause.

“We have always respected Tenaga and Terengganu as they will be our main rivals in the

league. We sense a better opportunity but we need to be consistent,” said Zamzam.

“Terengganu, despite having only local players, have shown that they are a quality outfit as majority of their players have been together for almost a decade.

“On our part, we need to keep winning all our matches including the one against Terengganu to win the title but it is not going to be an easy task. Nurinsafi are another team who have been playing well this season and we cannot take them lightly.

“Our double target is still on but we have to gradually build our momentum and also keep performing well in the TNB Cup.

“We also need to create a lot of chances to score as goals could be decisive if we draw against Terengganu in the last match.”

Maybank, who defeated Armed Forces 5-0 in their second match, notched a 10-0 win over newcomers JM Antbees in Bertam, Penang, yesterday.