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**PETALING JAYA:** Winning the TNB Cup will be the cherry on top of a wonderful season for Terengganu's ace striker Faizal Saari.

The 34-year-old led his team to their seventh Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) title on Sunday, and he topped the scoring sheet with 19 goals throughout the season.

Having already won the Charity Shield trophy last month after defeating Tenaga Nasional, Faizal knows winning the TNB Cup which starts today will be the best way to cap a great season.

"It's a historic thing to go nine games in the league without a loss," said Faizal.

"It shows that 2025 is a sweet year, but if we want it to be sweeter we have to win the TNB Cup."

Faizal still has the chance to

TNB CUP	
QUARTER-FINAL FIXTURES	
■ TODAY	
TERENGGANU vs ARMED FORCES - 4pm	(Tun Razak Hockey Stadium)
TENAGA NASIONAL vs LIAONING - 4pm	(Education Ministry Stadium)
MAYBANK vs UITM - 6pm	(Tun Razak Hockey Stadium)
TNB THUNDERBOLTS vs MATADOR - 6pm	(Education Ministry Stadium)

add to his goal tally in the TNB Cup, after scoring all four goals during their 4-1 win in the final league match against Australia's Territory Stingers on Sunday.

But he knows that even though they came out on top in the league, the TNB Cup levels the playing field once again.

"We know other teams are also

favourites, like Tenaga Nasional, who have 10 national players in the team, and imports.

"Previously we used to play two legs in the knockout round, now it's a single match.

"Anything can happen. A single mistake can punish us so we can't afford to be making silly mistakes," he said.

Knowing that the players will return to their respective lives after the tournament concludes, Faizal said he is cherishing the moments with the team, especially after winning the league.

"It's about a week until the tournament is over. I want to enjoy the atmosphere with the team during the quarter-final fixtures," he said.

Terengganu will play Armed Forces in the quarter-finals today at the Tun Razak Hockey Stadium.



**Top gun:** Faizal Saari has scored 19 goals so far and will be eyeing more during the TNB Cup.