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TNB whip China team to book place in the semi-finals, Terengganu also go through

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PETALING JAYA: Tenaga zapped hapless Liaoning to stay on track to deny arch rivals Terengganu's treble title bid in the Malaysian Hockey League.

Yesterday, they whipped the China team 8-2 in the quarter-finals of the TNB Cup at the Education Ministry Stadium, for a place in the semis.

Head coach Norsauful Zaini said getting past a rather lacklustre Liaoning was easy but playing the more experienced Maybank in the semi-final tomorrow will be a challenge.

"We knew we could win big against Liaoning as it was our third meeting. So it was easy but will be totally different against Maybank in the semis.

"Maybank are much more experienced and know how to play semi-final matches. We need to maintain our performance and not make mistakes," said Norsauful.

Maybank made it to the semi-finals after defeating UiTM 2-0 yesterday at the Tun Razak Stadium.

During the quarter-final match, ace striker Azrai Aizad Abu Kamal was the hero for Tenaga, scoring five goals with three coming in quick succession at the start of the match.

Azrai scored in the 1st, 5th, 7th, 33rd, and 37th minute, while Haris Iskandar scored two (27th and 40th) and Syed Mohd Syafiq Syed Cholan scored the final goal in the 52nd minute.

Meanwhile, Terengganu, who defeated Armed Forces 8-3, will play Matador who



Hot and fiery: TNB's Azrai Aizad Abu Kamal (right) scored five goals in the 8-2 win over China's Liaoning in the TNB Cup yesterday. — ART CHEN/The Star

took down TNB Thunderbolts 2-1 yesterday.

Terengganu have already claimed two trophies this season, after defeating Tenaga 2-1 in the Charity Shield, and went on to win the 2025 Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) by winning all nine league matches.

Norsauful doesn't want his team to repeat their mistakes if they make it to the final and take on Terengganu once again.

"We lost 2-1 to Terengganu in our first game. If we had drawn with them, we would have won the league as we were leading in goal difference.

"We don't want to make that same mistake again.

"Let's get past the semi-finals first, then we will plan for the final," he said.

TNB CUP

QUARTER-FINAL RESULTS

T. NASIONAL	8	LIAONING	2
TERENGGANU	8	A. FORCES	3
MATADOR	2	TNB THUNDERBOLTS	1
MAYBANK	2	UITM	0

SEMI-FINALS FIXTURE

■ TOMORROW

MAYBANK vs TENAGA NASIONAL

TERENGGANU vs MATADOR

(Both matches will be played at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil)