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Korean Jong-hyun turns match winner as T'ganu complete treble

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KUALA LUMPUR: A Jang Jong-hyun winner guided Terengganu to their first treble as they defeated Tenaga Nasional 2-1 to win the TNB Cup in Bukit Jalil yesterday.

The proven matchwinner converted a penalty corner in the 52nd minute to complete a 10-year dream of a treble for Terengganu after coming close last year.

Faizal Saari gave the east coast side the lead with a field goal in the 20th minute but they were unable to end the contest after missing several open chances.

Tenaga fought back in the 43rd minute when Azrai Aizad Abu Kamal scored off a rebound from a Syed Syafiq Syed Mohd Cholan penalty corner.

Then Jong-hyun added his special touch as his team erupted in sheer joy.

The South Korean penalty corner specialist had also scored the winner against Tenaga Nasional in the Charity Shield (4-3) last month and also hit the winner against the same rivals (2-1) in Kuala Terengganu on March 11 to lift the Malaysian Hockey League title.

Despite the maximum effort from Norsauful Zaini's players, Terengganu stood firm to weather the storm and also ended the season unbeaten.

TNB CUP RESULTS

FINAL		
TERENGGANU	2	TENAGA 1
THIRD PLACING PLAYOFF		
MAYBANK	4	UITM 1

It was Azrai's 40th goal of the season but it wasn't enough to take the limelight away from Jong-hyun and the high-riding Terengganu.

Terengganu captain Fitri Saari hailed the team's extraordinary effort of delivering the treble.

"We have been trying to win the treble since our team were formed 10 years ago and I'm happy we have finally done it. This success is for the people of Terengganu," said Fitri.

"We did not play well today as the players were probably overawed by the occasion and missed a lot of chances.

"But we managed to calm our nerves and end our run on a high."

Terengganu also ended the entire season unbeaten where they won a total of 16 matches and secured a draw (2-2) against Maybank in a league match.



Huge achievement: Terengganu players celebrating after their win over Tenaga in the TNB Cup final. **Inset:** Jang Jong-hyun scored the winner for Terengganu.