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**KUALA LUMPUR** — Terengganu Hockey Team (THT) clinched their third consecutive Malaysian Hockey League title after beating Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) 3-1 at Batu Buruk Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The East coast giants entered the final day of competition just a point ahead of Sapura, who in turn were a point ahead of Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC).

THT finished the season with 22 points from 10 matches.

Sapura, who defeated Maybank 2-1 yestersay finished with 21 points while KLHC were a point back after defeating UniKl 4-1.

Fitri Saari got the ball rolling for THT when he converted a fifth minute penalty. Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin (18th) and Ismail Abu (32nd) then added field goals to secure victory.

TNB pulled one back in the 33 minute via Ramadan Rosli.

Sapura, meanwhile, took a first minute lead against Maybank when Gurbaj Singh's thunderous shot whizzed pass the goalkeeper.

They were coasting until Juan Valeriano equalised in the 37 from a penalty corner.

Sapura squandered five penalty corners but on the sixth they finally came good.

New Zealander Phillip Ross Burrow kept

his cool to score in the dying minutes. Sapura coach Yahya Atan said the turning point was their 4-1 defeat to THT on Friday.

“We are disappointed not to have won the title. It all boiled down to our inability to keep out THT on Friday,” said the former international.

“Our defensive errors cost us and Jang Jong-hyun was very clinical in his finishes.

“We did all we could and now turn our attention towards the TNB Cup,” said Yahya.

The TNB Cup semifinals are on Wednesday and the final on Sunday.

Sapura's Firhan Ashari (centre) falls after being tackled by two Maybank players. — Picture by Mukhriz Hazim

