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TNB-MHL: Champs down Tenaga to retain title

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TERENGGANU Hockey Team (THT) successfully defended their TNB-Malaysia Hockey League Premier Division League title for the third consecutive year when they beat Tenaga Nasional 3-1 at the Batu Buruk Stadium yesterday.

It was an unexpected title, as coach Sarjit Singh and his men were not in contention as the title charge was led by Sapura until the eighth match.

Yesterday, Fitri Shaari (5th), Tengku Ahmad Tajuddin (18th), Ismail Abu (32nd) delivered for THT while Ramadhan Rosli scored for Tenaga in the 33rd minute.

THT received RM100,000 while second placed Sapura won RM60,000 and third placed Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) RM40,000.

THT and Sapura will be seeded while KLHC and Maybank will draw lots today to decide who they play in the TNB Cup semi-finals

which will be held on Wednesday.

“We were not in contention after the first round matches but made a late charge in the second round to defend our League title.

“As I have said before, it’s easier to win a title than to defend it, and my players have won three consecutive League titles and I am very proud of them,” said Sarjit.

After Tenaga beat Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC) 2-1 on Friday to put THT in contention for the title, Sarjit and his men played by the book yesterday.

“There was no fancy play or trying too hard as we kept our composure and won the match. Now, we are looking forward to win our TNB Cup for the third consecutive year as well,” said Sarjit.

RESULTS — Division One, Quarter-final Second Leg: Nur Insafl 0 Thunderbolts 5 (Thunderbolts won 8-1 on aggregate); ATM Airod 2 SSTMI 1 (SSTMI won 6-4 on aggregate); Ipoh City Council 3 Uitm-KPT 1 (Aggregate 4-4, UITM-KPT win 3-2 after shootout); BJSS 1 Politeknik 5 (Politeknik won 8-3 on aggregate).



THT players celebrate winning the TNB-Malaysia Hockey League title after beating Tenaga at the Batu Buruk Stadium yesterday. Pic by Aswadi Alias