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TERENGGANU and Tenaga Nasional are primed for an electrifying TNB Cup final at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil today.

Last year Tenaga bagged the treble — Charity Shield, league title and TNB Cup.

But this season Terengganu have already lifted two trophies and eyeing a third now, a treble, which they last achieved in 2023.

The East coast team have been on fire in the MHL, winning all their nine league matches including edging Tenaga Nasional 2-1 in the opening match for the Charity Shield title.

That was Tenaga's only loss in the MHL this season so far.

In the semi-finals, Terengganu edged Matador Club 1-0 while Tenaga outplayed Maybank 7-4 on Thursday.

Terengganu will be banking on veteran Faizal Saari who is cur-

rently the competition's top scorer with 23 goals in 11 matches.

But Tenaga, powered by nine national players and South Korean defender Jang Jong Hyun aim to spoil Terengganu's day and win at least one trophy this season.

Tenaga coach Nor Saiful Zaini said that they had learnt a lesson playing Terengganu in the Charity Shield last month.

"We cannot afford to miss chances in the final like we did in the Charity Shield match. We also need to double our work commitment.

"We are expecting a tough and interesting final.

"We won't have the services of former national player Firhan Ashari for the final as he is down with a knee injury," said Saiful, who guided Tenaga to the treble last year.

Terengganu coach Harfizi Ba-

harom said they would be banking on experienced players like the Saari brothers — Faizal and Fitri, national goalkeeper Hafizuddin Othman to get the better of Tenaga in the final.

"We can expect a torrid time against Tenaga. Our chances will be 50-50."

Last year, Tenaga beat Terengganu 4-2 in the TNB Cup final.

Meanwhile, league champions Blue Warriors are aiming for their first double in the women's national league when they meet former champions Malaysian University in the Vivian May Soars Cup final at Bukit Jalil tomorrow.

The Police team edged Malaysian University 1-0 in their opening match last month and won all six matches in the league after scoring a total of 29 goals and conceding just one. **Aftar Singh**