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## Terengganu whip Maybank to take giant step towards third overall title

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Premier Division champions Terengganu took a giant step towards their third overall final after whipping Maybank 6-1 in the first leg of the TNB Cup semi-finals.

Terengganu, the 2014 and 2015 overall champions, surprisingly conceded an early goal before fighting back to secure a convincing win at the Kuala Lumpur Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Maybank took a seventh minute lead when Mohamed Firdaus Fauzi netted a field goal after a quick counter-attack.

But Terengganu regained their composure to equalise through Ismail Abu's (pic) field goal in the 16th minute.



Faizal Shaari then made it 2-1, also a field goal in the 44th minute.

Ismail was again on target in the 49th minute. A minute later, South Korean Jang Jung-hyun scored his 11th goal of the tournament by converting a penalty corner.

Faizal capped a fine show with his second goal in the 53rd minute

and Mohamed Amirul Mirza Rozi completed the scoring in the 57th minute.

Terengganu coach Sarjit Singh was surprised by the big win.

"Now we have a good advantage for the second leg (on Friday). But there are still some areas we need to improve on. Overall, I'm happy the players took their chances well despite the early setback," said Sarjit.

In the other semi-final, Sapura secured a 3-1 win over Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club (KLHC).

Sapura only managed to break the deadlock after 35 minutes with Australian Oscar Wookey hitting a penalty corner past goalkeeper Roslan Jamaluddin.

Five minutes later, KLHC drew level when South Korean Nam

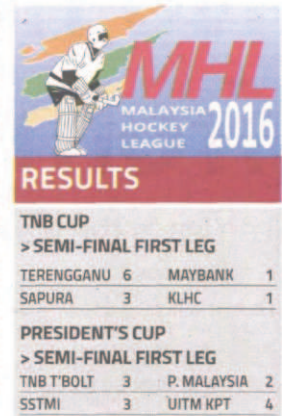
Hyun-woo scored a direct attempt from a penalty corner.

Sapura, however, regained the lead in the 42nd minute through Kiwi Phillip Burrows' field goal. And Gurbaj ensured Sapura secured a two-goal advantage by scoring a field goal in the 52nd minute.

In the President's Cup, Division One champions TNB Thunderbolt scored a slim 3-2 semi-final, first-leg win over Politeknik Malaysia at the Tun Razak Stadium.

Mohamed Idris Samad (first and 37th minutes) and Mohamed Azraai Aizad (51st minute) scored for TNB while Mohamed Zulfikar Abdul Gani (38th) and Mohamed Asyraf Zuhry were on target for Politeknik.

In the other semi-final, former champions UiTM-KPT beat SSTMI 4-3.



**MHL 2016**  
MALAYSIA HOCKEY LEAGUE

**RESULTS**

**TNB CUP**  
**> SEMI-FINAL FIRST LEG**

TERENGGANU	6	MAYBANK	1
SAPURA	3	KLHC	1

**PRESIDENT'S CUP**  
**> SEMI-FINAL FIRST LEG**

TNB T'BOLT	3	P. MALAYSIA	2
SSTMI	3	UITM KPT	4