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AN all-local Tenaga Nasional side have made it clear they mean business and have set their sights on achieving a double when the Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) season begins on Feb 9.

Tenaga had won the overall MHL title last year, beating Terengganu 3-2 in the final. The latter had earlier won the league.

Tenaga coach Nor Saiful Zaini said yesterday his squad will be going all out to win both the league and overall titles this year.

“Our main challenge will come from Terengganu and we are ready to face them in MHL,” said the former international.

“We (Tenaga) always rely on local players for MHL and I have faith in my players. They will deliver in the league.

“We have won the double before and we can do it again.”

Tenaga have played in MHL every year since its introduction in 1987 and have achieved the dou-

ble twice in 1991-1992 and 2003.

They have plenty of national players in their squad which includes Faiz Helmi Jali, Aminuddin Zain, Ramadan Rosli, Firhan Ashari, Amirul Hamizan Azhar, Norsyafiq Sumantri, Shahril Saabah, Najib Abu Hasan and Tengku Nasrol Ikmal Hakimie.

Terengganu will feature South Korean penalty corner specialist Jang Jong Hyun, who slammed in 23 goals for them in the 2020 season, as well as newcomers Yoo Seong Ho and Choi Hoil. Their coach Seo Jong Ho is also Korean.

Tenaga will play Terengganu in the Charity Shield at National Hockey Stadium, Bukit Jalil on Feb 9.

The other teams competing in the men’s MHL competition this year are Nur Insafi Sporting, Young Tigers, Maybank, TNB Thunderbolts, Armed Forces and UITM HA. **Aftar Singh**