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ROLL OF HONOUR

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Women

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Player of the match: Raja Norsharina Raja Shabudin (Blue Warriors)

PETALING JAYA: Tenaga Nasional showed patience and perseverance to finally lay their hands on the Malaysian Indoor Hockey League (MIHL) trophy by exacting sweet revenge over defending champions Maybank.

They played to a 3-3 draw after the regulation time in the final at the Sri Putra Hall in Bukit Jalil on Sunday but Tenaga made a superb comeback with a 2-1 win in the penalty shootout.

It all seemed over for Tenaga when Maybank took a 3-0 lead in the first half but they never gave up and made all the difference after that.

Tenaga had lost 1-4 to Maybank at last year's final.



Reason to rejoice: The Tenaga Nasional team celebrate after their sweet revenge against Maybank. — MHC

Tenaga head coach Mohd Madzli Ikmar said it took discipline and calmness for his team to take the victory.

"The players played with discipline just as we had planned. They remained calm and were not chaotic even though we were trailing by three goals.

"This was my first assignment as head coach of the team, and with the help of the players and

management, we succeeded in becoming champions," he said.

Maybank had started off strong with a goal in the seventh minute from Mohd Kamarulzaman Kamaruddin's penalty corner.

They then doubled their lead in the 14th minute through Shahmie Irfan Suhaimi and Mohd Izham Azhar three minutes later in the second quarter.

In the second half, Tenaga

showed that they weren't backing down by scoring one goal in the 22nd minute through Mohd Aminudin Mohd Zain, followed by their second goal four minutes later by Mohd Nursyahmi Zulkifli.

The hero was Wan Haziq Hisyamuddin Wan Ameer Ruzman, who scored a field goal three minutes before regulation time and forced the match into a shootout.

Nursyahmi was the one who stepped up in the shootout as he scored the winning goal to give Tenaga the win.

With the indoor league over, Madzli said the players would now shift their focus to the KL League from May 3-July 6.

Meanwhile in the women's category, newcomers Blue Warriors won their first title after defeating BNHC KL 5-2.