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TENGGU Mahkota Ismail Sports School (SSTMI) Thunderbolts survived a seven-goal thriller to defend their NSC-Milo-MHC Division One league title at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil yesterday. The double champions edged UniKL Young Guns 4-3 in a highly entertaining match which went to the wire and kept the fans at the edge of their seats for 70 minutes. Even though UniKL took a fifth minute lead, Thunderbolts converted four penalty corners out of the six they won, to grab the title. The Thunderbolts heroes yesterday were Amir Zulkarnain who scored two penalty corner goals in the 27th and 66th minutes, while the other two were scored by Azril Misron in the 13th and 31st minutes. The UniKL goals were scored by Azrul Hasbullah (fifth), while Thunderbolts Najmi Farizal scored an own goal in the 28th minute, and the third was scored by Syafiq Zulzairin in the 38th minute. Thunderbolts received RM15,000, while second spot went to Petaling Jaya City Council, who also ended on 18 points but lost out on goal difference and received RM10,000. UniKL won RM8,000 for third placing while fourth placed Anderson received RM7,000. "It was a grueling match for my players because we played four matches back-to-back and they did look tired in patches, but their never say die attitude finally won the day," said Thunderbolts coach Wan Roslan Wan Rahman. Wan Roslan was also surprised with their penalty corner conversion: "It was an almost perfect show in the penalty corners which won us the title, and frankly speaking, I did not expect the win to come from that department," said Wan Roslan. UniKL coach K. Embaraj was disappointed with the result, but not with his players. "My boys have every reason to hold their heads high even in defeat, as they gave their all. Still, I believe in looking forward, and the overall title can be ours if they play with this much of commitment in the knock-out stage," said Embaraj. The quarter-finals start on Feb 22. RESULTS -- Division One: USM 4 SSTMI Juniors 3, UniKL 3 SSTMI 4. Division Two, Group A: Star 3 Matri 1, Seratas 5 Nur Insafi 0. Group B: KLSS 6 SMK Padang Midin 0, SMK Tunku Besar 3 Tunas Pahang 2, BJSS JRS 0 Politeknik-KPT 3. SSTMI players celebrate winning the NSC-Milo-MHC Division One league title at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil yesterday.