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MISSING OUT: Their striker-in-chief Faizal is big doubt for Terengganu clash due to injury TENAGA Nasional's hopes of securing a first leg win against Terengganu in their TNB Cup quarter-final clash received a blow after it was revealed that star striker Faizal Saari is likely to miss the match at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil today. Tenaga coach Nor Azlan Bakar said the penalty corner specialist, who is the team's top scorer with 12 goals this season, picked up an injury in Tenaga's final Premier Division match, also against Terengganu, last Sunday. "Faizal injured his left knee in the game against Terengganu and has not been able to train since then," said Nor Azlan, whose side finished third in the league. "He has been receiving treatment at the National Sports Institute today (yesterday) but we are not sure if he will be able to play tomorrow (today). "We will make a final decision after consulting the relevant parties tomorrow morning. "Although he has not been performing as well as he had in the past, Faizal is still one of our most consistent players and has scored at least one goal in each match this season." Nor Azlan disclosed that Muhammad Shahril Saabah will likely take Faizal's place in the frontline should the latter miss the match. Tenaga have already lost Mohamad Aminudin Mohd Zain for the match as he is sidelined with a lower calf injury. Attacking woes aside, Nor Azlan added that the team will have to improve on their defending if they are to emerge victorious in what he expects to be two tough matches against Terengganu. Tenaga drew 4-4 with the east coast side in the first round of the competition but managed a 4-3 win in the return leg last Sunday. "We have had two tough matches with them this season and with them fast improving, we definitely need to be on top of our game to win," said Nor Azlan. "We lost out on the league title due to a lack of consistency. "We also need to improve on our defending as we have already let in 18 goals this season. "We have good defenders, but we have to learn to adapt faster as the game keeps changing very quickly every season." Tenaga will face Maybank in one semi-final should they emerge victorious against Terengganu. The winner of the other quarter-final between Sapura and UniKL will play Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club in the other semi-final. Both Maybank and Terengganu received byes to the semi-finals by virtue of their top-two finish. FIXTURES -- Today -- TNB Cup q-finals: Sapura v UniKL (National Stadium II, 6pm), Tenaga Nasional v Terengganu (National Stadium II, 8pm). Presidents Cup q-finals: Sunday 2030 v SSTMI (National Stadium I, 6pm), Uniten KPT v MBI (National Stadium II, 8pm). Friday -- TNB Cup q-finals: TNB v Terengganu (National Stadium, II 6pm), Sapura v UniKL (National Stadium II, 8pm). Presidents Cup q-finals: Uniten KPT v MBI (National Stadium I, 6pm), Sunday 2030 v SSTMI (National Stadium I, 8pm). (From left) UNIKL coach Arul Selvaraj, Sapura coach Tai Beng Hai, Maybank coach Wallace Tan, and TNB coach Nor Azlan Bakar pose with the TNB Cup trophy yesterday. Pic by Mim Fadlilal Rozaiman