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TENAGA Nasional coach Nor Azlan Bakar has stressed that going back to basics will be the key to overcoming long-time rivals Maybank in their TNB Cup semi-final and secure a third consecutive appearance in the final. Nor Azlan said the team need to be fully focused to get the better of a well-tuned Maybank who pipped them to second place in the Premier Division. The first leg of the semi-final will be held on Friday at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil. Tenaga, who beat Terengganu 8-3 on aggregate in the quarter-finals, had beaten Maybank 5-1 in the first round of the league but lost 3-4 in the return. "Tenaga and Maybank have had a long history in the TNB Cup. We have had some very close matches playing against them in the past, even from the days when I was still playing," said the former national player. "The boys showed improvement in our second leg win over Terengganu (5-1) and we need to continue (improving). "We played very simple hockey in that match and did not hang on to the ball for long. We focused on quick passing and it worked very well for us. "We need to do exactly the same against Maybank and minimise our mistakes if we are to win against them as I expect it to be very close." Nor Azlan added that keeping a close eye on Maybank's world-class Pakistan imports, who include big names Shafqat Rasool, Shakeel Abassi and Muhammad Waqas Sharif, will be equally important. "Maybank are a different side this year. They are much stronger as they have proved with their performances in the league. "They have an excellent combination of experienced (local) players and dangerous Pakistani players who contribute a lot to their team. "We will have to keep a close eye on them as they can cause us a lot of problems if we are not careful." Nor Azlan also disclosed that star striker Faizal Saari has fully recovered from a left knee-injury suffered in their last league game against Terengganu at the end of last month. Faizal is the team's top scorer with 16 goals in both League and Cup competition this season. The other semi-final will see Sapura, who advanced with a 6-4 aggregate win over UniKL, play league champions Kuala Lumpur Hockey Club. TNB players celebrate a goal against Terengganu in the quarter-finals on Friday.