



JOY AND SADNESS

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I was with the national team from 1973 with my bro KT Rajan and went to all the tournaments and tours heading towards the 1975 World Cup.

We worked and played very hard during the Euro tour in December 1974 and were shortlisted for the last 24.

We trained exceptionally well during the trials. Finally, the team was announced one day before the World Cup, on March 1, 1975.

Unfortunately, KT Rajan was dropped when Raja Azlan Shah announced the final team.

Joy for me as I was selected. Sad also because my brother was dropped.

We played very well from the first game against New Zealand but did not do well till we took on Poland. We won that game and started peaking till we qualified for the semis by beating the defending champions Holland.

We played so well against India in the semis, leading all the way but finally losing.

It was a great satisfaction playing for Malaysia in front of my parents, friends and all Malaysians.

