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PETALING JAYA: Terengganu will bank on a blend of continuity and fresh additions as they launch their Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) title defence against the star-studded Thunderstars in the Charity Shield today.

The defending treble winners – having swept the league, TNB Cup and Charity Shield last season – have retained the core of their squad, with head coach Mohd Harfizi Baharom confident it will provide a solid foundation alongside new signings.

“Many of the players have been retained as they have already proven their capabilities,” said Harfizi.

“Together with new players, we hope to find the balance between experience and fresh energy to take the team to a higher level.”

Terengganu have brought in local players Firhan Ashaari, Harris Iskandar Osman,

and Alfarico Lance Liau Jr, as well as internationals Dilraj Singh of India and South African Keenan Horne.

However, they face a tough test against Thunderstars – the rebranded Tenaga Nasional – who boast a squad packed with national players.

But Harfizi is not perturbed.

“We know they have a lot of national players, but that won’t stop us. We will give them a good fight,” he said.

“We must make full use of home advantage if we want to retain the Charity Shield.”

Thunderstars, who have 16 national players in their ranks, are equally ambitious, with head coach Mohd Madzli Ikmar Mohd Nor eyeing a clean sweep.

“We have never had this many national players in the team,” said Madzli.

“With the strength we have, we must aim for the treble.”



Hoping for the best: Firhan Ashari (left) is a recent local addition to the Terengganu squad this season.