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Azrai's scary strike rate gives opponents the shivers

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PETALING JAYA: National player Azrai Aizad Abu Kamal has been lightning in front of goal for Thunderstars in the Malaysian Hockey League.

And that spells trouble for opposing defenders and Thunderstars' rivals as they bid to accomplish the treble this season.

The 26-year-old Azrai is targeting to reclaim the top scorer accolade he last claimed in 2024, where he scored 32 goals.

While he has made that intention clear with 10 goals in just five matches into the season, his bigger aim is to see his team be triple champions.

Azrai scored five goals in their recent clash against Pahang Young Elephants as Thunderstars won the match 10-0 on Friday, taking their fifth win this season to remain unbeaten.

Thunderstars are currently second in

the league, just one point behind Maybank at the top but have a game in hand.

With more goals surely coming from him, Azrai hopes that will culminate in them making a sweep at the end of the season.

"For me, it's important that the team get the treble this season," said Azrai.

"After that, I aim to regain the title of top scorer. I know it's possible, I just have to keep myself motivated and look back on what I've done. I also need to be sharper in front of the goal."

Thunderstars are already one step closer to the treble after beating defending champions Terengganu to claim the Charity Shield last month.

The team, previously known as Tenaga Nasional, had won the treble in 2024.

Azrai and his teammates will face Armed Forces today at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil, before their next match against UiTM on Wednesday.

Goal machine: Azrai Aizad Abu Kamal (left) has scored 10 goals in just five matches in the Malaysian Hockey League this season.

