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PETALING JAYA: Shello Silverius (*pic*) is known as the "Duracell Bunny" in hockey, thanks to his high-octane performances whether as a striker or midfielder.

But the Sabahan now has a new role that he's proud to take on.

The 25-year-old is Tenaga Nasional's midfield general in the Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) and has played an inspirational



part in helping them bounce back after their 1-2 defeat against Terengganu in the Charity Shield.

The side coached by Nur Saiful Zaini have won their last two matches against TNB Thunderbolts (7-3) and Liaoning (5-0), and are currently third in the league with six points from three matches.

While Shello has yet to get on the scoresheet, he has provided quite a number of

assists in the team's high-scoring wins.

"I've been instrumental in orchestrating our plays, keeping possession and creating goal-scoring opportunities," said Shello, who is currently pursuing his Masters in Energy Management at the Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten).

"Apart from boosting the team's attacking prowess, I believe I have done my part defensively, by making interceptions and tackles. So I am satisfied with how I have performed so far."

He cited the clean sheet against

Liaoning as an example of how they can score lots of goals and also frustrate opponents with their defensive solidity.

Shello said that after the Charity Shield defeat, the team aim to win the remaining league matches and hopefully retain the league title they won last year.

"We are getting our rhythm and also playing the kind of hockey we want."

"We are motivated to do even better in our upcoming matches."

Tenaga will next take on Matador at the National Hockey Stadium on Jan 19, and Shello

said they won't settle for less than three points.

Shello is also striking a fine balance between his studies and hockey.

"Whenever I am free, I will do my revision and I'm lucky because classes are during weekends, so it doesn't really impact my training time."

"I believe my masters studies is helping my development as an athlete, which makes me develop my critical thinking skills."

"Plus, I love studying, so I don't mind playing the game and studying at the same time."