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Tenaga's hotshot Azrai blasts five out of 13 against China outfit

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**SHAH ALAM:** Tenaga Nasional ran riot with a 13-1 mauling of Liaoning as last year's Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) top scorer Azrai Aizad Abu Kamal starred with five goals at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil yesterday.

Azrai had scored a massive 40 goals, a record for a single MHL season last year, but had taken some time to get his scoring touches.

The five goals he scored against Liaoning – four field goals (second, 44th, 51st and 56th minutes) and a 26th minute penalty stroke – is his first hattrick after only scoring seven goals so far in the MHL.

However, Azrai said that Tenaga's stronger strength this year meant that the scoring responsibilities are shared by many top players as the team has 13 internationals, including himself, to depend on this season.

The presence of Jang Jong-hyun, who played for treble winners Terengganu last season, has also shifted the attention as the South Korean penalty corner specialist is currently joint top scorer in the league with eight goals with Maybank's Razie Rahim.

"I am not too worried about the lack of goals this season we have a very strong squad with so many quality players who can score goals and Jong-hyun has been scoring many through PCs for us," said Azrai.

"Although I scored 40 last season where we played more matches and I had to redouble my efforts as the team were

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MAYBANK	5	THUNDERBOLTS	0
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TERENGGANU	7	JM ANTBEES	1

affected by injuries, this season has been different.

"Now that the goals started to come, I hope to continue scoring and also assist my teammates in scoring.

"Despite scoring so many, we were unable to win any titles last year and I hope that we can win more this time after already winning the Charity Shield last week."

Tenaga had beaten Terengganu 3-1 in the shootout after a 2-2 draw in regulation time in the Charity Shield in Feb 7.

Meanwhile, Tenaga's other goals were scored by Jong-hyun (15th minute PC), Azril Misron (fifth and 16th minute field goal), Wan Hazeeq Hishamuddin Wan Ameer (33rd minute penalty stroke), Shello Silverius (38th-minute field goal), Amirul Hamizan Azahar (44th-minute field goal), Najib Hassan (48th-minute field goal), Firhan Ashaari (57th-minute field goal) and Marhan Jalil (58th-minute field goal).

Meanwhile, title contenders Maybank also registered a 5-0 victory to lead the league table with 13 points while Tenaga are third behind Nurinsafi (12 points) with 11 points.



**On a roll:** Tenaga Nasional's Azrai Aizad Abu Kamal (left) plundered five goals against Liaoning in their Malaysian Hockey League match in Bukit Jalil yesterday. – MHC