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PETALING JAYA: Can Thunderstars stay flawless this season in the Malaysian Hockey League (MHL)?

Their reign at the top will be severely tested when they face Maybank in the battle for supremacy at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil tomorrow.

Thunderstars currently lead the table with 21 points from seven matches, while Maybank are in second with 16 points and have a game in hand.

Thunderstars coach Mohd Madzli Ikmar Mohd Nor is determined to see his side end the first stage of the 2026 MHL season with a perfect record, but remains wary of Maybank threat.

"Things have been going well for us so far this season, but I've reminded the players that our mission is to get maximum points in this window," said Madzli.

"The biggest threat this season is Maybank, so the match with them will be very close."

On paper, Madzli admitted that his side hold the advantage as they boast 16 national players compared to Maybank's three but prepared for any eventualities.

"It's going to be hard to say who can come out on top. We have the upper hand on paper, but the result will depend on the players who are out there on the pitch," said Madzli.

"It'll come down to how both teams can manage their tactics. We need to control the game in defence," he said.

The final stage of the MHL will take place from October to September.