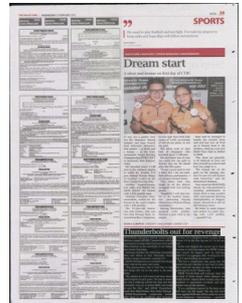


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Thunderbolts out for revenge

DEFENDING champions Sekolah Sukan Tunku Mahkota Ismail (SSTMI) Thunderbolts will be gunning for revenge when they lock horns with MBI-Anderson in the semifinals of the Malaysian Junior Cup today.

Anderson handed the defending champions their only defeat in their Malaysian Junior Hockey League encounter, winning 3-2.

SSTMI Thunderbolts are confident that things won't end on the same note today.

"The players know how it feels like to lose and things will not be the same in the semifinals.

"My players are well rested and have shown good progress in each game. The loss to Anderson was a wake-up call for the boys and they eventually went on to defeat MBPJ and UniKL to seal the title," said SSTMI Thunderbolts coach Wan Mohd Roslan Wan Abdul Rahman.

SSTMI-Thunderbolts comfortably booked their place in the semifinals after thumping

Division Two champions Kuala Lumpur Sports School 4-0 in the first leg and 5-1 in the second.

Roslan had skipped the second leg in Kuala Lumpur to show his support for SSTMI Juniors who caused the biggest upset by defeating MBPJ 8-7 on aggregate after winning the first leg 4-3 and finishing the second 4-4.

"We had a comfortable lead going into the second leg and I decided to stay back in Johor, but I had told the boys on what to do for the game against KLSS," Roslan said.

SSTMI Thunderbolts will welcome back the services of Mohd Azwar Abdul Rahman and Mohd Amirol Aideed Mohd Arshad who were involved in motorcycle accidents and have missed most of the matches.

"It is a confidence booster for the boys as we will have our full squad. The duo had short stints against KLSS and will be ready for action against Anderson," added Roslan. — *sports247*