

Chelsea v Leeds United: Stamford Bridge Preview for 21 November 2026

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Chelsea v Leeds is the Premier League game that brings Stamford Bridge back to life after the international break. Kick-off is 3pm on Saturday 21 November 2026, which means a 10pm start in Singapore, and Xabi Alonsoâ??s side will be desperate to put the Sunderland setback behind them.


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A Chelsea player juggles the ball in training. Source: Chelsea FC official website (chelseafc.com)

Chelsea v Leeds: why this one matters

Chelsea arrive on the back of a 1-0 defeat at Sunderland on 8 November, a result that left plenty of questions hanging over the fortnight-long pause. Leeds, meanwhile, beat Tottenham 1-0 on 7 November and will fancy their chances of making life uncomfortable in west London.

These two have already met this season. Chelsea won a wild Carabao Cup third-round tie 6-3 in September, a scoreline that tells you everything about how open Leeds are prepared to be. League football is a different animal, though, and nobody at Elland Road will be fooled into thinking the cup game is a template.

The context is simple. Chelsea want a performance that settles the nerves, and Leeds want to prove that their defensive discipline can travel. Expect a lively first half hour.

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Team news and the returning internationals

Chelseaâ??s training session at Cobham on Thursday morning offered a few reasons for cheer. Malo Gusto, Romeo Lavia, Marco Palestra and Morgan Rogers all represented their countries over the past ten days and were back involved in the group work alongside the players who stayed behind. The clubâ??s own gallery showed a squad in good spirits, with plenty of smiles in the autumn sunshine.



Chelsea players training at Cobham ahead of Chelsea v Leeds. Source: Chelsea FC official website (chelseafc.com)

What Alonso needs to fix

Alonso will want a response to the Sunderland defeat, and Leeds will try to make life difficult from the first whistle. If Chelsea can move the ball quickly through the half-spaces and get their wide players isolated, the home side should create enough chances. Finishing them is the part that will decide the afternoon.

Leedsâ?? threat on the counter

Leeds will sit compact and spring forward when the chance comes. Their win at Spurs showed they can grind out a result away from home. Chelseaâ??s full-backs will have to pick their moments to attack, because the space behind them is exactly where the visitors want to play.

Tactical angles to watch

The midfield battle is the key. Laviaâ??s return from international duty gives Chelsea another option in the middle of the park. If Chelsea can play through the first line, the pitch opens up in front of them. If they cannot, expect a scrappy game decided by one set piece.

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Two Chelsea players share a joke on the Cobham training pitches. Source: Chelsea FC official website (chelseafc.com)

Set pieces deserve a mention too. In a tight game one corner can change everything. Do not be surprised if the first goal comes from a flag-kick.

Prediction and how to watch from Singapore

This feels like a narrow home win. Chelsea have the home advantage and the returnees bring fresh energy. Leeds will make it awkward, but I am going for Chelsea 2-1.

The game is not televised live in the UK. Chelsea say supporters overseas can watch the match in full on CFC+, while live text and audio commentary will be on the clubâ??s official app and website. Singapore viewers should also check their local Premier League broadcaster. Highlights are due from 7pm UK time, with a full replay from midnight.

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