



FC Jurong thrash Young Lions 4-0 as Honda coaches from the touchline

Description

The Straits Times reports that FC Jurong opened their Singapore Premier League campaign with a 4-0 win over the Young Lions at Jalan Besar Stadium on Sunday 13 September 2026, kick-off 7.30pm, while Keisuke Honda coached from the touchline instead of playing.

Honda was not listed in the match-day squad on fitness grounds and appeared as team staff. Head coach Jaswinder Singh retains the AFC Pro licence role; Honda spent hydration breaks and half-time with a tactics board and stayed vocal from the sideline.



Keisuke Honda with FC Jurong at Jalan Besar. ST PHOTO: Jason Quah

How the goals fell

Toa Suenaga opened the scoring in the 14th minute from close range after Izwan Mahbud spilled a shot from Takuma Yamaguchi. Suenaga added a second in first-half stoppage time after dribbling past Iryan Fandi.

Izwan was replaced by Benjamin Zerk in the 67th minute through injury. Andrew Aw Yong made it 3-0 in the 81st minute, and Shunsuke Ono headed in from a corner in the 87th minute for 4-0. Hassan Sunny kept a clean sheet at the other end.

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Honda coaches from the FC Jurong sideline. ST PHOTO: Jason Quah

Crowd and next fixture

More than 700 fans were at Jalan Besar. A minute's silence was observed before kick-off for former Singapore head coach Barry Whitbread, who died on 9 September at age 77.



FC Jurong against Young Lions at Jalan Besar. Photo: Zaobao

What comes next

FC Jurong next face Hougang United on Friday 18 September 2026 at 7.30pm at Jurong East Stadium. Singh said Honda is not quite ready for a playing debut yet as the club works on his fitness.

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