

Lion City Sailors 5-0 Geylang International: Thy double sends the champions top of the SPL before the January break

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Lion City Sailors beat Geylang International 5-0 at Jalan Besar Stadium on Sunday 22 November, knocking the Singapore Premier League leaders off the top and going first themselves. The defending champions now sit level with Tampines Rovers on 16 points from six games, ahead on goal difference, with one more round of games, from 27 to 29 November, before the league breaks until 22 January 2027.

How the five goals went in

Geylang arrived as one of three unbeaten sides in the league, and the first half was a tight one. The breakthrough came on the stroke of half-time, when Toni DatkoviÄ? headed in after Giovanni Haagâ??s free-kick was saved.



Toni DatkoviÄ? heads the Sailors in front on the stroke of half-time against Geylang International, 22 November 2026. Photo: Lion City Sailors

The second half was settled inside 15 minutes. Two minutes after the restart, Matthias PhaÃ«ton pounced on a Geylang goalkeeping error and tapped in, his eighth goal in 12 appearances. Lennart Thy then scored from the penalty spot in the 53rd minute and headed in Diogo Costaâ??s free-kick in

the 60th to make it 4-0 on the hour.

With the game won, the Sailors made five changes, and one of them finished it off. Ilhan Fandi, on in the 63rd minute, headed the fifth with 10 minutes left. It was the Sailorsâ?? eighth straight win in all competitions.



Lennart Thy celebrates one of his two goals against Geylang International at Jalan Besar Stadium, 22 November 2026. Photo: Lion City Sailors

The table after Matchweek 7

Geylangâ??s first defeat drops them to third on 14 points, from seven games, and their goal difference falls from plus 10 to plus five. Tampines kept pace by winning 5-0 away to Hougang United, so the top two are separated only by goals: the Sailors have scored 25 and conceded three, Tampines 18 and three.

- Lion City Sailors: played 6, won 5, drawn 1, 16 points, goal difference plus 22
- Tampines Rovers: played 6, won 5, drawn 1, 16 points, goal difference plus 15
- Geylang International: played 7, won 4, drawn 2, lost 1, 14 points
- FC Jurong and Tanjong Pagar United: 10 points each from seven games

Elsewhere, FC Jurong came from behind to beat Balestier Khalsa 3-2 at Jurong East Stadium on Friday night, their first win in four matches. Seo and Lee Jaeyong scored either side of half-time, Balestier levelled in the 70th minute, and Kodai Dohi struck the winner four minutes later. Tanjong Pagar United won 4-2 away to the Young Lions, which lifts them level with Jurong.

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At the bottom, the Young Lions have three points and Hougang United one, still without a league win.

What happens next

After next weekend, the SPL breaks until 22 January 2027. That restart is earlier than first planned, because the 2027 AFC Asian Cup in Saudi Arabia has been moved to 22 December 2027 to 21 January 2028. The gap has been used to bring games forward, including two Sailors away fixtures against Tanjong Pagar on 24 January and FC Jurong on 31 January, both at Jurong East Stadium at 7.30pm.

Before the break, the Sailors still have continental football. They travel to BG Pathum United on Thursday 26 November for Matchday 5 of AFC Champions League Two Group F. Fans who cannot make the trip can watch together at the clubâ??s Mattar HQ, where registration opens at 7.15pm. There are 80 spots, given out first come first served, for members of The Deck, and membership is free. RSVPs close at 12pm on 26 November. Three days later, the Sailors end their league year against the Young Lions at Jalan Besar on Sunday 29 November at 7.30pm.

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