

Lion City Sailors host Adelaide United on Thursday with Group F lead on the line

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Lion City Sailors host Adelaide United at Jalan Besar Stadium on Thursday 5 November 2026, kick-off 6pm, in Matchday 4 of AFC Champions League Two Group F. The Sailors lead the group on seven points from three games, one clear of Adelaide, so a second win over the Australians in a week would put them four points clear of Adelaide with two rounds left.

How the Sailors won in Adelaide

The first meeting, at Coopers Stadium on 29 October, ended 2-0 to the Sailors. Hugo Gomes scored into an empty net in the 80th minute after goalkeeper Joshua Smits misjudged a Giovanni Haag corner, and Lennart Thy added the second three minutes into stoppage time, making the Sailors the first Singaporean club to win a competitive match on Australian soil.

They had 16 shots to Adelaideâ??s four by half-time and still went in level, after Hugo and Ilhan Fandi had both hit the woodwork. Adelaideâ??s clearest chances fell to Amlani Tatu, 18 and making his first start, who failed to convert twice in the closing minutes of the half.

â??Not many teams come here and dominate as we did in the first half,â?• said head coach Mark Jackson, who was appointed in September.



A Lion City Sailors player at Coopers Stadium during the 2-0 win over Adelaide United on 29 October 2026. Photo: Lion City Sailors FC

Six straight wins and a rotated squad

The Sailors arrive on a run of six straight wins in all competitions, counting up to Sundayâ??s 4-0 win over Balestier Khalsa at Bishan Stadium on 1 November. Five of those six were clean sheets.

Jackson made nine changes from the Adelaide line-up for Balestier, and Shawal Anuar, Antonio Mance from the penalty spot, Matthias PhaÃ«ton and Thy scored. That result left the Sailors second in the Singapore Premier League, a point behind Geylang International with a game in hand, as covered in our SPL table after the Eastern Derby.

Mance went off early in Adelaide and was replaced by Ilhan. He then started against Balestier and was taken off at half-time along with Bailey Wright, when Jackson replaced both of his starting foreign outfield players.



Lion City Sailors, in their blue away kit, celebrate a goal in the 4-0 win over Balestier Khalsa at Bishan Stadium on 1 November 2026. Photo: Lion City Sailors FC

The group so far and what is left

The Sailors opened with a 1-1 draw with BG Pathum United on 17 September, then beat Tai Po away in Hong Kong in October before the result in Adelaide. Their remaining group fixtures:

- Thursday 5 November: Adelaide United, Jalan Besar Stadium, 6pm
- Thursday 26 November: BG Pathum United, True BG Stadium, 8.15pm
- Thursday 3 December: Tai Po, home, 6pm

Tickets and the members discount

Tickets are sold through SISTIC. Members of The Deck, the clubâ??s free supportersâ?? membership, get ticket discounts; check the clubâ??s terms for this match.

Registration for The Deck is immediate and needs a Singapore mobile number, but the club takes two to three working days to process member benefits, and the promo code arrives by email. A fan signing up today may not receive the code before kick-off on Thursday.

Jalan Besar Stadium is at 100 Tyrwhitt Road.

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