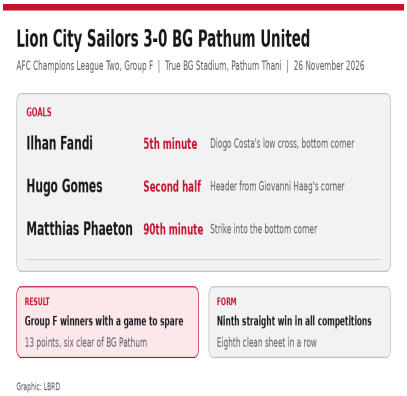

Lion City Sailors beat BG Pathum 3-0 in Thailand to win ACL Two Group F with a game to spare

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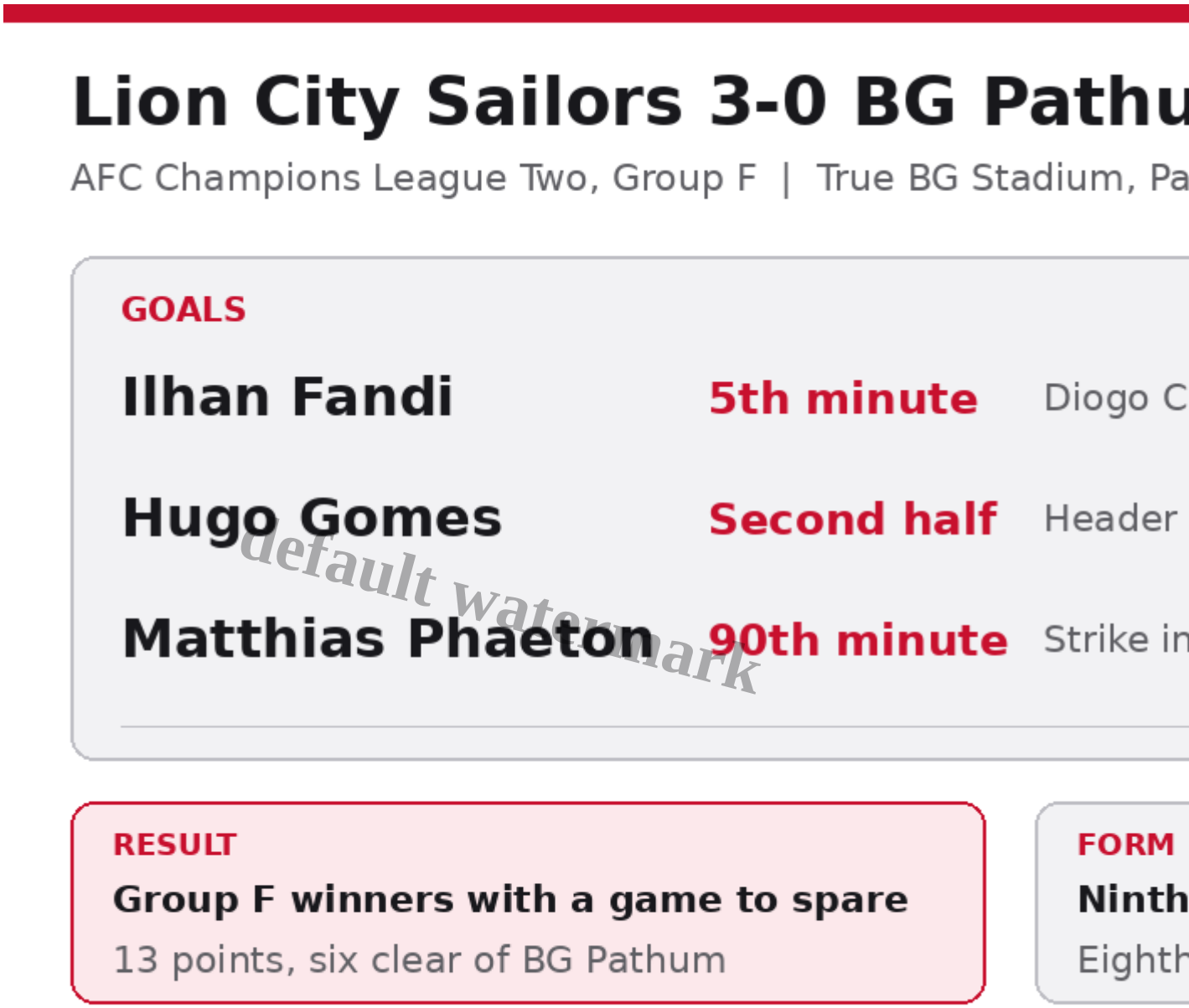
Lion City Sailors are through to the AFC Champions League Two round of 16 as Group F winners, with a game to spare, after beating BG Pathum United 3-0 at the True BG Stadium in Pathum Thani on Thursday night, 26 November 2026.

The win took Mark Jacksonâ??s side to 13 points, six clear of BG Pathum, and made the Sailors the first Singaporean club to win all three away games in an ACL Two group stage.



The Sailorsâ?? 3-0 win at BG Pathum United in ACL Two Group F on 26 November 2026. Graphic: LBRD

A late call-up and an early goal

Ilhan Fandi was not meant to start. He found out he would lead the line only when Lennart Thy was injured in the warm-up, and he needed five minutes to hurt his old club. Diogo Costa picked him out with a low cross and Ilhan, with his second touch, fired into the bottom corner.

Ilhan spent the 2024/25 season at BG Pathum and scored seven goals for them in all competitions. â??It is unfortunate for Lenny, but this is a team sport. It was nice to come back here and score,â?• he said afterwards.

BG Pathum had their chances. Bailey Wrightâ??s last-ditch challenge stopped Chanathip Songkrasin from getting a shot away in the 13th minute, and Marin Jurina, who went into the game joint top of the ACL Two scoring charts, was a threat all half. He came close to turning in a low cross early on and, in first-half stoppage time, when Matheus Costa finally got past Jorge Karseladze, his finish came back off the post.

Gomes and Phaeton finish the job

Jurina did put the ball in the net in the 65th minute, on his birthday, but the flag was already up for offside. With under 20 minutes left, Hugo Gomes rose to meet Giovanni Haagâ??s corner and his header beat goalkeeper Saranon Anuin. It was the centre-backâ??s fourth goal in nine appearances in all competitions, and he ran straight to the dugout to celebrate with his teammates and the support staff.

Matthias Phaeton made it 3-0 in the 90th minute with a thunderous strike, his fourth ACL Two goal of the campaign, and was named man of the match. He hit the woodwork again in stoppage time, and at the other end Victor Aznar saved with his legs from Raniel with the last kick of the game.

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Nine wins in a row

Thursdayâ??s result was the Sailorsâ?? ninth straight win in all competitions and their eighth clean sheet in a row. The only side to score against them in this seasonâ??s ACL Two is BG Pathum, in the 1-1 draw on 17 September, which was Jacksonâ??s first game in charge.

â??The teamâ??s unrecognisable now and you saw that today,â?• Jackson said at the post-match press conference.

What is left in Group F

BG Pathum must now beat Adelaide United at Hindmarsh Stadium next week to go through. Adelaide moved on to nine points with a 7-1 win at Tai Po FC on the same night, with Brody Burkitt scoring four. Tai Po are bottom and already out.



Group F after the Sailorsâ?? win, and what is left to play. Graphic: LBRD

The Sailors close the group at home to Tai Po at Jalan Besar Stadium on Thursday, 3 December 2026, at 6pm. Before that they return to the Singapore Premier League against Young Lions at Jalan Besar on Sunday, 29 November, at 7.30pm, chasing a 10th straight win.

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