

Sandy Walsh eyes more Shopee Cup success with Persib, who visit Lion City Sailors on 10 December

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Sandy Walsh is hoping his Shopee Cup winning experience will carry Persib Bandung deep into the competition. The Indonesia defender lifted the ASEAN Club Championship Shopee Cup with Buriram United last season, and Persib come to Singapore on 10 December to face Lion City Sailors at Jalan Besar Stadium.

## Sandy Walsh on Persib Bandungâ??s Shopee Cup push

The Belgium-born Indonesia international joined Persib in July on a three-year contract after a season at Buriram United, where he won the Shopee Cup, the Thai League 1 and the Thai FA Cup. Before that he played in Japan for Yokohama F Marinos.

The 31-year-old says returning home to Indonesia has been special. â??I feel the love and the passion from the fans and the support every day when I go in to train or to play,â?• he says. He adds that his Shopee Cup run last season gave him first-hand experience of the competition, and that he is â??very confident in this teamâ?•.

## Persibâ??s start in Group B

Persib have won the last three Indonesia Super League titles and are now juggling the AFC Champions League Two, the Shopee Cup and two domestic competitions. They made a perfect start in the Shopee Cup with comfortable wins over Thailandâ??s Port FC and Myanmarâ??s Shan United, including a come-from-behind victory over Port that Walsh called a â??remontadaâ?•. That leaves them level on points with Johor Darul Taâ??zim in Group B.

Walsh says it is the first time an Indonesian club is competing in four different competitions. â??We donâ??t have much time to think. Itâ??s recover, prepare, next game,â?• he says, adding that the schedule is â??not helping usâ?•. His biggest off-field challenge, he jokes, is avoiding too much nasi

goreng.

## Shopee Cup Matchday 3 fixtures to watch in Singapore

Both Singapore clubs are at home on Matchday 3:

- **Wednesday 9 December (Group A):** Tampines Rovers v Ho Chi Minh City Police FC, Bishan Stadium, 7.30pm.
- **Thursday 10 December (Group B):** Lion City Sailors v Persib Bandung, Jalan Besar Stadium, 7.30pm.

Other Matchday 3 ties include Ratchaburi v Manila Digger and Kuching City v Borneo FC Samarinda on 9 December, and Johor Darul Taâ??zim v Shan United and Cong An Ha Noi v PKR Svay Rieng on 10 December. For the Sailorsâ?? domestic form, see our SPL Matchweek 8 report.

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