

Singapore v Brazil preview: 6pm kickoff at the National Stadium, with Ancelotti banned

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Singapore v Brazil is finally here. The Lions take on the five-time world champions at the National Stadium in Kallang this evening, Tuesday 17 November 2026, with kickoff at 6pm Singapore time.

It is the first meeting between the two countries, and it closes the Mizuho Blue Challenge double-header, which also features Japan v Paraguay at 9:10pm.



Source: Football Association of Singapore (fas.org.sg)

Singapore v Brazil: what is at stake for the Lions

Nobody in Kallang expects a miracle. Singapore are ranked 149th in the world, and Brazil are among the biggest names in football. But a friendly of this kind is not about the scoreline alone. It is about tempo, decisions under pressure and the experience of sharing a pitch with players who perform for some of Europeâ??s best clubs week in, week out.

Head coach Gavin Lee has been relaxed about the occasion. Speaking to ESPN, he said he was â??not losing sleepâ?• over the fixture and described his job as preparing the players to go out and perform. He also argued that Singaporeâ??s players need to be exposed to this level of tempo regularly, and that the national team has to find stronger opponents to keep growing.

The Lions arrive on the back of a 4-1 defeat to Paraguay at the same stadium on Friday. We covered that game in our Singapore 4-1 Paraguay report, and Song Ui-youngâ??s diving header gave the home crowd something to cheer.

Where Singapore could hurt Brazil

The honest answer is on the break and from set pieces. Song is expected to lead the attack again, and reports suggest he will be joined by Lion City Sailors team-mates Ilhan Fandi and Farhan Zulkifli. Our Lions squad story explained how many Sailors players are in the group, which should help the sideâ??s cohesion against opponents who have had far less time together.

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Brazil team news: Ancelotti banned, Raphinha suspended

Brazilâ??s own week has been far from calm. They lost 3-2 to Japan on Saturday, a game that ended with red cards for both manager Carlo Ancelotti and captain Raphinha. We reviewed that match in our Japan 3-2 Brazil report.

The consequences land in Singapore. Ancelotti serves a touchline ban, so assistant Francesco Mauri is set to run the technical area, with Paul Clement also reported to be involved. Raphinha is suspended, and Bruno Guimaraes is expected to wear the captainâ??s armband.

Ancelotti has said Vinicius Junior and Endrick will both start. Endrick is expected to replace Raphinha in a front three with Vinicius and Estevao, while Rayan is reported to start in midfield. Gabriel Martinelli, Joao Pedro and Lucas PaquetÃ¡ are unavailable. Ancelotti has also described the squad as being in a period of experimenting, which hints at rotation and a chance for fringe players.

Expected line-ups

Line-ups have not been confirmed at the time of writing, and different outlets have named different goalkeepers and full-backs for Brazil, with Gabriel and Guimaraes also being monitored physically. Treat any list as provisional until the teamsheets appear. One preview expects Singapore to be led by Mahbud in goal, with Song, Zulkifli and Fandi pushing forward.

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Kickoff time, tickets and how to follow the Singapore v Brazil match

- **Kickoff:** 6pm Singapore time (10am GMT), National Stadium, The Kallang.
- **Doors:** open at 4pm, according to The Kallangâ??s event page.
- **Tickets:** a single ticket covers both matches on 17 November. Prices start at S$98 for Category 4 and run up to S$268 for Category 1, plus a booking fee, with VIP at S$888. Use official channels only, as The Kallang warns that resold tickets will not be honoured.
- **Second match:** Japan v Paraguay follows at 9:10pm.
- **Broadcast:** Brazilian broadcasters including TV Globo and Globoplay carry the game. We could not confirm a Singapore broadcaster, so check official Mizuho Blue Challenge channels.

For ticketing background, see our earlier guide to the Mizuho Blue Challenge fixtures and tickets.



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What to watch for tonight

Look at the first 20 minutes. Brazilâ??s rotated line-up and stand-in captain could start slowly, and a compact Singapore side that keeps its shape might frustrate them for a while. The harder part will be the second half, when fresh legs and technical quality usually tell.

Also watch how the Lions use the ball. Against Paraguay, the best moments came when Singapore played through pressure instead of clearing long. Repeating that against Brazil, even in short bursts, would be a quiet win for Leeâ??s project.

Whatever the final score, it is a rare night for local football. Expect a big crowd, a loud National Stadium and a story that will be told for years: Singapore against Brazil, for the first time ever.

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