

Singapore Lions vs China PR: Gavin Leeâ??s Men Face Sternest Test At Jalan Besar On Friday

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Singapore Lions vs China PR is the fixture Singapore football fans have been circling since the June FIFA window was announced. Fresh off a dominant 4-0 demolition of Mongolia on 31 May, the Lions return to Jalan Besar Stadium this Friday (5 June) for a far stiffer examination â?? one that could define the trajectory of Gavin Leeâ??s squad ahead of a pivotal summer. Kick-off is at 7.30pm at the Jalan Besar ActiveSG Stadium, and after the rousing atmosphere against Mongolia, the crowd will be ready to roar.



Source: Lion City Sailors FC official website (lioncitysailorsfc.sg)

Singapore Lions vs China PR: A Far Tougher Test

Mongolia (FIFA ranked 187th) were always going to give Singapore a comfortable evening. China PR, however, are a completely different proposition. Ranked 94th in the world â?? 53 places above Singaporeâ??s 147th â?? the visitors arrive with technical quality, tactical organisation, and their own form to protect ahead of the 2026 World Cup in North America.

For the Lions, this is precisely the benchmark test Gavin Lee sought when arranging this June window. The 4-0 victory over Mongolia provided the confidence boost the squad needed. Fridayâ??s clash against China PR is about credibility against genuine opposition. Itâ??s one thing to dominate a lower-ranked side; itâ??s another to hold your own against a top-100 nation.

The Sailors Contingent And Key Players

The Lion City Sailors connection runs deep through this Lions squad. Seven Sailors were named in Gavin Leeâ??s 28-man squad for this FIFA window: captain Hariss Harun, Shawal Anuar, Hami Syahin, Lionel Tan, Nur Adam Abdullah, Kyoga Nakamura, and the recalled Song Uiyoung.



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Hariss enters this match on the crest of a personal wave. Against Mongolia, he set a new Singapore caps record while producing a commanding defensive display that drew plaudits across the local football community. Against the more technically demanding Chinese side, his authority in the backline and his ability to read the game will be critical to keeping a clean sheet.

Hami Syahin is another Lion to watch. His elegance in midfield â?? dictating tempo, pressing with purpose, and threading passes through defensive lines â?? makes him a constant threat. Song Uiyoungâ??s return adds physicality and energy; the 32-year-oldâ??s long-range thunderbolt in the final weeks of the SPL season was a timely reminder of his quality when fit and firing.



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ASEAN Championship And Asian Cup 2027: The Bigger Picture

These friendlies are not just about Friday night. Singaporeâ??s road to AFC Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2027 is well under way after a historic unbeaten qualifying campaign, and the ASEAN Championship Hyundai Cup 2026 (July and August) is fast approaching. Gavin Lee is using this window to stress-test his squad depth and refine tactics against quality opposition.

China PR will probe questions Singapore must answer ahead of those tournaments: How do the Lions cope under prolonged pressure from higher-ranked sides? Can their defensive shape hold when possession is surrendered? Do the attackers have the cutting edge to punish transition moments? The answers on Friday night will say more than any training ground report.

Tickets, Kick-Off Time And How To Follow

Kick-off is 7.30pm at Jalan Besar ActiveSG Stadium, 100 Tyrwhitt Road, Singapore 207542. Tickets are available via Ticketek and the Football Association of Singaporeâ??s official website, priced at $25 (Category 1), $20 (Category 2) and $15 (Category 3).

For live match updates and post-match reaction, follow LBRD Sports throughout the evening. Singapore football is building real momentum under Gavin Lee â?? and Friday night is the next chapter in that story.

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