

Singapore U17s face Palestine at 3.30pm today in their last AFC U17 Asian Cup qualifier, with the Finals out of reach

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Singaporeâ??s Under-17s play their last AFC U17 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2027 Qualifiers match against Palestine at 3.30pm Singapore time today, Friday 20 November, at the Kuala Lumpur Football Stadium. They can no longer reach the Finals in May 2027.

The qualifiers are a single round-robin league played at one venue, and only each groupâ??s winner goes through. India top Group E with nine points from three games. Singapore have three points from three, so a win today would take them to six, which is not enough.

How Group E stands before the final day

- India: 9 points from 3 games, goals 20-3
- Malaysia: 6 points from 3 games, goals 12-3
- Palestine: 6 points from 3 games, goals 8-4
- Singapore: 3 points from 3 games, goals 9-6
- Guam: 0 points from 4 games, goals 0-33

India play the hosts, Malaysia, in Fridayâ??s other match and only need to avoid defeat to win the group. For Palestine, the one route to top spot is to beat Singapore and for Malaysia to beat India.

Singaporeâ??s campaign so far

The campaign opened with a 6-0 win over Guam on 8 November. Caden Pereira scored a penalty in the second minute and Izzan Farid converted a second spot kick two minutes later. Aidan Irfan, Lai Keng Lum, Tyler Tan and Putera Irfan added the rest.

India were a different test on 11 November. Izzan Farid twice gave Singapore something to hold on to, scoring the opener and then heading in a corner to make it 2-2, but Indiaâ??s captain, Dallalmuon Gangte, answered each time and finished with a hat-trick in a 4-2 win.

The hosts then edged Singapore 2-1 on 14 November. Syaifullah Mahruzi put Malaysia ahead in the 33rd minute, finishing under Ilhan Rezal from a cross. Farid levelled in first-half stoppage time at the far post, meeting a lob from Isaac Saw on the left. The second half was slowed by a slippery pitch. Syaifullah hit the post in the 70th minute and the underside of the bar three minutes later, and Malaysiaâ??s winner came in the 88th minute, when substitute Fahim Zulkarnain squeezed the ball past Rezal in a scramble.

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A Singapore and Malaysia duel during Malaysia 2-1 Singapore on 14 November 2026 at the Kuala Lumpur Football Stadium. Photo: AFC

What Palestine bring

Palestine started with a 2-0 win over Malaysia, Yazan Khalifah volleying in a free kick in the 17th minute and Yousef Bustami adding a second from a corner. They beat Guam 5-0 next. On Tuesday they lost 4-1 to India after Mohammed Jamhour was sent off in the 10th minute. Khalifahâ??s penalty levelled it at 1-1, but India pulled away against ten men.

A young squad

Head coach Ashraf Ariffin named a 23-man squad on 5 November. Seven players featured at the AFF U17 Championship in April, and the other 16 are playing at this level for the first time. Fourteen of the 23 are with Lion City Sailors. Five are with clubs outside Singapore, among them Club Madrid City, where Lai and Aidan Irfan play, Leixoes and Sport Clube Salgueiros.

Before the squad left, Ashraf set out the aim: to be competitive in every match, give the team the best possible chance of qualifying and take it one game at a time. Qualification is gone, but today is the last chance in this cycle for these players to show what they can do against a West Asian side.

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Singapore and Malaysia players contest the ball during Malaysia 2-1 Singapore on 14 November 2026 at the Kuala Lumpur Football Stadium. Photo: AFC

Match details

- Fixture: Singapore v Palestine, AFC U17 Asian Cup Uzbekistan 2027 Qualifiers, Group E
- Date and time: Friday 20 November 2026, 3.30pm Singapore time
- Venue: Kuala Lumpur Football Stadium, Malaysia
- Also on Friday: India v Malaysia, the match that decides the group

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