

Singapore take on Brazil at the National Stadium tonight at 6pm, with Ancelotti and Raphinha out

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Singapore face five-time world champions Brazil at the National Stadium tonight, 17 November 2026, with kick-off at 6pm in the Mizuho Blue Challenge, The Kallang Football Series Singapore. It is the Lionsâ?? second game of the series, four days after a 4-1 defeat by Paraguay on the same pitch.

It is also the first meeting between the two countries. Brazil arrive without head coach Carlo Ancelotti and forward Raphinha, who are both suspended after being sent off in the aftermath of Tatsuhiro Sakamotoâ??s winner when Japan beat Brazil 3-2 on Saturday, 14 November. Assistant coach Francesco Mauri takes charge on the touchline, and Bruno Guimaraes takes over the captaincy from Raphinha.



Singapore training on 15 November 2026, ahead of the Brazil game. Photo: FAS

What Gavin Lee took from Paraguay

Head coach Gavin Lee saw enough in the first half against Paraguay to build on. â??We expected Paraguay to overload us, given the tempo they play at. But despite that, I thought we competed very well, especially in the first half,â?• he said. â??There were many moments where the players showed courage, both in and out of possession.â?•

The task now is to hold that level for longer. â??The challenge now is to take those learnings into the next game and find a way to sustain that higher tempo for a longer duration than the previous game. Brazil will present another test of that, and we have to be ready to meet it.â?•

A Brazil side still carrying stars

Even without Raphinha, Brazil can call on Vinicius Junior, Gabriel Magalhaes, Bruno Guimaraes, Estevao and Endrick. Lee kept the focus on his own players. â??Every game is another step in our journey towards the Asian Cup, and this is another opportunity for us to challenge ourselves against a very strong opponent,â?• he said. â??We want to focus on what we can control, stay together throughout the 90 minutes and ultimately, put in a performance that we can be proud of.â?•

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That Asian Cup is now further away than planned. The AFC confirmed on 3 November that the finals in Saudi Arabia will now run from 23 December 2027 to 21 January 2028, subject to FIFA approval, so this window is part of a longer build-up.



Lions players contest the ball at training on 15 November 2026. Photo: FAS

Tickets and the double-header

Tonight is a double-header. Japan play Paraguay at 9.10pm after the Singapore game, and one ticket covers both matches. Tickets for the night are priced at S$98 for CAT 4, S$138 for CAT 3, S$208 for CAT 2, S$268 for CAT 1 and S$888 for VIP, before a S$6 booking fee per ticket. The full price grid for the series is in our Mizuho Blue Challenge ticket guide.

Tickets are sold through Ticketmaster, the official agent. The Kallang warns that resold tickets will not be honoured at the venue, and holders will be turned away.

Getting in tonight

Security checkpoints open at 3.30pm and the gates at 4pm. Use the gate number printed on the ticket. The Kallang Wave Mall box office, near Exit A of Stadium MRT station, runs from 3pm to 10.15pm, and ticket problems are handled at the information counters at Gates 6 and 18 from 4pm to 10.15pm.

The Kallang expects heavy crowds and recommends public transport. Stadium MRT on the Circle Line is the closest station.

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Singaporeâ??s pre-match press conference for the Brazil game on 16 November 2026.
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