

SPL Matchweek 8: Sailors and Tampines level on 16 points in the last round before the January break

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The Singapore Premier League plays its last round of 2026 this weekend, with Lion City Sailors and Tampines Rovers level at the top on 16 points from six games each. The Sailors lead on goal difference, +22 to +15. Once Sunday nightâ??s games are done, the league stops until Friday, 22 January 2027.



Lion City Sailors against Geylang International at Jalan Besar Stadium on 22 November 2026, a 5-0 win for the Sailors. Photo: Singapore Premier League

The Matchweek 8 fixtures

- Friday, 27 November, 7.30pm: Geylang International v Tanjong Pagar United, Our Tampines Hub
- Saturday, 28 November, 7.30pm: Balestier Khalsa v Hougang United, Bishan Stadium
- Sunday, 29 November, 7.30pm: Tampines Rovers v FC Jurong, Our Tampines Hub
- Sunday, 29 November, 7.30pm: Young Lions v Lion City Sailors, Jalan Besar Stadium

Sailors face the team that leaks the most

The Sailors went back to the top with a 5-0 win over Geylang at Jalan Besar on 22 November, their fifth straight SPL win and eighth in a row in all competitions. Lennart Thy scored twice, one of them a penalty, and Toni Datkovic, Matthias Phaeton and Ilhan Fandi got the others. In six league games they have scored 25 and let in three.

Young Lions are seventh with three points and have conceded 25 in seven matches. Their only win came away to Hougang, 2-0 at Bishan on 31 October. Before Sunday, the Sailors face BG Pathum United in the AFC Champions League Two tonight, Thursday 26 November, at True BG Stadium in Pathum Thani, Thailand, with kick-off at 8.15pm Singapore time. A draw would be enough to take them into the round of 16, and a win would guarantee top spot in Group F.

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Lion City Sailors players during their 5-0 win over Geylang International on 22 November 2026. Photo: Singapore Premier League

Tampines and Jurong meet again

Tampines kept pace with a 5-0 win away to Hougang at Bishan on 22 November, with Hide Higashikawa scoring four times. They are still unbeaten in the league: five wins and a draw, 18 goals scored and three conceded. The last time they played FC Jurong, at Jurong East on 25 October, Tampines won 3-2.

Jurong are fourth on 10 points. Their 3-2 win over Balestier on 20 November, settled by Kodai Dohiâ??s goal in the 74th minute, ended a run of four league games without a win.



Hougang United against Tampines Rovers at Bishan Stadium on 22 November 2026, when Tampines won 5-0. Photo: Singapore Premier League

Geylang and Hougang chase a response

The 5-0 loss to the Sailors was Geylangâ??s first defeat of the season, after four wins and two draws. They are third on 14 points, two behind the leading pair, having played a game more. Fridayâ??s opponents Tanjong Pagar are fifth on 10 points after a 4-2 win over Young Lions at Jalan Besar on 21

November, when Masahiro Sugita scored his first goal for the club.



Young Lions against Tanjong Pagar United at Jalan Besar Stadium on 21 November 2026, a 4-2 win for Tanjong Pagar. Photo: Singapore Premier League

Saturdayâ??s game at Bishan is Hougangâ??s last chance of a first league win before the break. They are bottom with one point from seven games, a draw and six defeats, having scored four and conceded 19. Saturdayâ??s hosts Balestier are sixth on seven points after the 3-2 loss at Jurong, where Daniel Goh scored both of their goals.



FC Jurong against Balestier Khalsa at Jurong East Stadium on 20 November 2026, when Jurong won 3-2. Photo: Singapore Premier League

When the league returns

The restart moved forward after the AFC Asian Cup in Saudi Arabia was rescheduled to 22 December 2027 to 21 January 2028. Matchweek 14, first set for 12 to 14 March, now restarts the season on 22 January with FC Jurong v Balestier at Jurong East Stadium at 7.30pm. Matchweek 16 follows on 29 January, starting with Tanjong Pagar v Hougang, also at Jurong East.

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