

Tottenham v Ipswich: De Zerbi watches from the stand as Spurs look to bounce back from Leeds

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Tottenham Hotspur host Ipswich Town at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium today, Saturday 21 November, at 3pm UK time, which is 11pm in Singapore. It is Spursâ?? first game since a 1-0 defeat at Leeds United on 7 November, and Roberto De Zerbi will not be on the touchline for it.



James Maddison in Tottenham training on 19 November 2026. Photo: Tottenham Hotspur

Spurs are 11th on 12 points from 10 games, with three wins, three draws and four defeats. Ipswich are 14th, one point behind on 11, so a win for Gary Oâ??Neilâ??s side would lift them above Spurs.

A season in two halves so far

Spurs did not win any of their first six league games. They lost 3-0 at Brentford on the opening day, lost 2-0 at home to Newcastle United and 3-2 at home to Aston Villa, and drew with Nottingham Forest, Everton and Manchester United.

Then came three straight wins: 3-1 at home to Coventry City on 19 October, 2-0 at Chelsea on 24 October and 2-0 at home to Crystal Palace on 31 October. The defeat at Elland Road ended that run, and Spurs have now scored 10 league goals in 10 games, five fewer than Ipswich.

At home Spurs have two wins, one draw and two defeats, with seven goals scored and six conceded.

De Zerbi in the stand

De Zerbi is banned from the touchline and will watch from the stand. He said the booking at Chelsea â??was not for my responsibilityâ?• and that the one at Leeds was unfair. â??We have a big, big staff, maybe better than me,â?• he said. â??They can play without me, without problems.â?•

He also wants more than Spurs showed in Yorkshire. â??The biggest target is to play well, because to make results we have to play better than Leeds, the second half, for sure,â?• he said.

Team news

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Lucas Bergvall, Savio, James Maddison and Destiny Udogie are all available. Bergvall has been out with a knee problem since the 1-1 draw at Old Trafford on 10 October, and Savio with a muscle injury picked up in training on 13 October. Maddison was an unused substitute against Palace and Leeds after training only three times between the Chelsea and Leeds games, but De Zerbi said he had â??worked very wellâ?• since then.

Tosin Adarabioyo will not be risked, and Mathys Tel has an ankle injury from Elland Road. â??Mathys Tel, we need another I think, two, three weeks,â?• De Zerbi said. Mykhailo Mudryk is â??not ready yetâ?•, and Xavi Simons and Wilson Odobert remain out.

Ipswich arrive with a clean bill of health

Oâ??Neil told his pre-match press conference that â??all 27 players are fitâ?•. That includes SaÅ¡a LukiÄ?, who had been out with a groin injury since early October and played 90 minutes for Serbia in the Nations League on Monday.

Ipswich are without a league win in four, since a 2-1 home win over Fulham on 10 October: a 3-2 defeat at Manchester City, then draws with Nottingham Forest and at Hull City, and a 2-1 home defeat by Bournemouth on 8 November. Away from home they have one win, one draw and three defeats, scoring nine and conceding 13. That win was 3-2 at Crystal Palace on 12 September.

Ipswich say more than 3,000 of their fans are set to travel. Rob Jones is the referee.

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