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MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



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KERALA BLASTERS FC SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS

Albino Gomes
Bilal Husain Khan
Muheet Shabir Khan
Prabhsukhan Singh Gill

DEFENDERS

Abdul Hakku
Bakary Kone
Costa Nhamoinesu
Jessel Carneiro
Lalruatthara
Nishu Kumar
Sandeep Singh

MIDFIELDERS

Ayush Adhikari
Facundo Pereyra
Jeackson Singh
Vicente Gomez
Rahul KP
Givson Singh
Nongdamba Naorem
Lalthathanga Khawlhing
Prasanth K
Ritwik Das
Rohit Kumar
Sahal Abdul Samad
Seityasen Singh
Denechandra Meitei

FORWARDS

Gary Hooper
Jordan Murray
Subha Ghosh

HEAD COACH

Kibu Vicuna



JAMSHEDPUR FC SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS

Niraj Kumar
TP Rehenesh
Pawan Kumar
Raj Mahato
Vishal Yadav

DEFENDERS

Joyner Lourenco
Karan Amin
Laldinliana Renthlei
Manash Protim Gogoi
Narender Gahlot
Peter Hartley
Ricky Lallawmawma
Sandip Mandi
Stephen Eze
Subhash Barua

MIDFIELDERS

Aitor Monroy
Alexandre Lima
Amarjit Singh
Billu Teli
Gaurab
Gorachand Mamdi
Harsha Parui
Isaac Vanmalsawma
Jitendra Singh
Mohammad Mobashir
Manisana Singh
Jackichand Singh

FORWARDS

Aniket Jadhav
Bhupender Singh
David Grande
John Fitzgerald
Nerijus Valskis
Sapam Kennedy
William Lalnunfela

HEAD COACH

Owen Coyle



PRE-MATCH THOUGHTS

KIBU VICUNA, THE HEAD COACH

"It was a difficult night against Odisha FC. Since that match, we have been preparing. We trained yesterday; we are going to train today. In football, you have to bounce back and that is the personality of a good team.

It was not a good outing in our last match but that does not mean we will change our approach. The teams we are facing are all different, players are different. We are making changes; we are not playing the same style from the start. We are focused on the game and have been training hard.

Jamshedpur FC is an intense and aggressive team and they have very good players. We are trying to improve and correct the faults with the team we have. I am sure that this team can get good results."

PRASANTH K

"It is a difficult situation but it is part of football. I am trying to help the team; all players are trying to give their 100 per cent. Everyone is disappointed but there are eleven games to go. We are correcting our mistakes in training. We have time to prove ourselves.

For me, I want to play according to how the coach wants to play. That's the player I want to be. Coach wants to play me as a right-back and I am familiar with the role. I am giving it my 100 per cent."



MATCH PREVIEW

Kerala Blasters FC is playing its 10th game of the season against Jamshedpur FC. So far, the season has not gone our way but that does not stop us from fighting till the end. We face Owen Coyle's Jamshedpur for our away game at the Tilak Maidan. With 6 points from 9 games, we had a tough run of luck so far but it can all change with just one win.

Jamshedpur FC has made a steady start to this season and now have 13 points in 9 games. Last season's Golden Boot winner, Nerijus Valskis has continued from where he left off. The second-highest goal scorer of ISL 7 has perfectly combined with the likes of Jackichand Singh, Aitor Monroy and Isaac Vanmalsawma. Peter Hartley and Stephen Eze have been solid at the back as well, so our forward line will have quite the task on their hands if they are to outwit the Jamshedpur FC backline.

For us, Gary Hooper and Jordan Murray's rapport will be the key. Both the forwards got on the score-sheet against Odisha FC and hopefully, it was a sign of things to come. Our defensive errors have hurt us, so there is no doubt that head coach Kibu Vicuna will spend a lot of time and effort to ensure those lapses do not happen again. Nishu Kumar and Costa Nhamoinesu's presence is a suspect in this fixture, so we may be seeing Prasanth at the right back position once again.

This game will be an exciting one as both the teams look to bag all three points. We have never won a game against The Men of Steel and there is no doubt that Valskis and co. is a huge hurdle. We will once again have a test by fire but we will always back our boys no matter what.

Come on, KBFC!



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