

**HERO ISL 2020-21**  
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**GMC STADIUM BAMBOLIM**



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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  
Lalthathanga Khawlhing  
Prasanth K  
Ritwik Das  
Rohit Kumar  
Sahal Abdul Samad  
Seityasen Singh  
Denechandra Meitei  
Juan De Lopez

## FORWARDS

Gary Hooper  
Jordan Murray  
Subha Ghosh

## HEAD COACH

Kibu Vicuna





## FC GOA SQUAD

### GOALKEEPERS

Antonio D'Silva  
Mohammad Nawaz  
Naveen Kumar  
Shubham Dhas

### DEFENDERS

Aiban Dohling  
Ivan Gonzalez  
James Donachie  
Leander D'Cunha  
Mohamed Ali  
Sanson Pereira  
Sarineo Fernandes  
Saviour Gama  
Seriton Fernandes

### MIDFIELDERS

Alberto Noguera  
Alexander Jesuraj  
Brandon Fernandes  
Edu Bedia  
Flan Gomes  
Jorge Ortiz  
Lenny Rodrigues  
Nestor Dias  
Phrangki Buam  
Princeton Rebello  
Redeem Tlang  
Seiminlen DOUNGEL

### FORWARDS

Aaren D'Silva  
Devendra Murgaonkar  
Igor Angulo  
Ishan Pandita  
Makan Chothe

### HEAD COACH

Juan Ferrando



# PRE-MATCH THOUGHTS

## KIBU VICUNA, THE HEAD COACH

"We are competing in every game till the end. In the last three games, I think we competed well and we got the points. It's true that the game against FC Goa is different, but we are trying to recover the players and prepare for the game as best as possible.

The Gaurs are a very well-prepared team with good players. They are a team with dynamic players, not only Jorge Ortiz or Igor Angulo, but also you see Alexander Romario and others. It's true that in the first leg, we conceded goals very easily and I hope that we will be defensively better today. Also, we are improving in the offensive phrase, creating more chances than in the beginning of the season.

We are happy that we are closer to the top four now. But we are only focusing on the next game. For sure, today we will have the opportunity to get the three points."

## RAHUL KP

"There were a lot of emotions behind the goal against Bengaluru FC for me. First of all, I want to thank God, my team members and coaching staff – everyone who worked hard because it was nothing miraculous. We trained hard for everything; we put a lot of effort in training and followed the instructions and that's why it came off at the last moment.

Coach Kibu trusts me, if there is something wrong with the striker; he is putting me as a striker. He has a lot of trust in every player and we can see that in training. Also, he always motivates us and keeps us going. So right now my job is to perform and keep this consistency."



# MATCH PREVIEW

If you are still not over the thrilling win over Bengaluru FC yet, we have another exciting fixture against FC Goa coming up next at the GMC Stadium, Bambolim. The third-placed Gaurs are on a five-match unbeaten streak and drew 1-1 against ATK Mohun Bagan in their last game. With 13 points in 12 games, a win against FC Goa will put us in the fifth position on the table and serve as a real shot in the arm for our top four hopes.

After a slow start to their ISL 7 campaign, Juan Ferrando's side is building momentum. Their main man upfront is the goal machine, Igor Angulo. Angulo has scored nine goals so far and has been unstoppable so far. The supportive role played by Brandon Fernandes, Romario Jesuraj and Jorge Ortiz across the frontline makes up for a dangerous attack. Captain Edu Bedia has also been deadly in the middle of the park, currently ranking highest in the most number of successful passes in the opposition half amongst all players in ISL 7. The backline, led by Ivan Gonzalez, however, has been leaky and there is no doubt that head coach Kibu Vicuna will be eager to exploit those gaps.

The boys, having secured a last-gasp victory against BFC are raring to go.

Puitea scored his maiden goal for us, so it is likely he will be eager to start and build on his good form. With two goals already to his name, Rahul KP has been electric on the field. The mercurial Jordan Murray is likely to make a key impact whenever he comes on the pitch, as his partnership with Gary Hooper and Facundo Pereyra blossoms.

Costa Nhamoinesu is likely to lead the backline once again, and Sandeep Singh is expected to start again but it remains to be seen who else comprises the backline - coach Kibu has a wealth of quality options to choose from. Vicente Gomez and new signing Juande, both had a solid game and we expect them to deliver the goods again.

This game is going to be a real test as we will be going all out for all 3 points. Our defenders will have their task cut out against the deadly Goan attack, which has scored the most goals in the second half of games so far in the league. It will be a high-pressure game, but the boys will be up for the task!

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