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## MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

**HERO ISL 2020-21**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2021**  
**7:30 PM IST**  
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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  
Jeakson 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





## BENGALURU FC FC SQUAD

### GOALKEEPERS

Gurpreet Singh Sandhu  
Lalthuammawia Ralte  
Lara Sharma  
Sharon

### DEFENDERS

Ajith Kumar  
Biswa Darjee  
Francisco Gonzalez  
Joe Zoherliana  
Juanan  
Namgyal Bhutia  
Parag Srivas  
Pratik Chaudhari  
Rahul Bheke  
Wungngayam Muirang

### MIDFIELDERS

Amay Morajkar  
Cleiton Silva  
Dimas Delgado  
Erik Paartalu  
Harmanjot Khabra  
Suresh Wangjam  
E Lalchhanchhuaha  
Thoi Singh

### FORWARDS

Edmund Lalrindika  
Kristian Opseth  
Leon Augustin  
Ashique Kuruniyan  
Naorem Singh  
Sunil Chhetri  
Semboi Haokip  
Udanta Singh

### HEAD COACH

Naushad Moosa



# PRE-MATCH THOUGHTS

## KIBU VICUNA, THE HEAD COACH

"In our last game against SC East Bengal, we were up against a side that was playing well. They had the ball but we controlled the game after Jordan Murray's goal, so that's a positive aspect.

Bengaluru FC is a good team with good players. The circumstances are different but we are preparing for every game, in the same manner, to play a good game and try to win and improve our defence and attack. They have good foreigners and Indian players.

The objectives are the same from our end – to play a good game and to improve in offensive and defensive aspects. The set-pieces are going to be very important as well. They have been playing in a similar style throughout this season and were one of the semi-finalists last time, so we expect a competitive game."

## PRABHSUKHAN SINGH GILL

"It is always nice to be facing your former club. However, all that we are focusing on right now is the three points today. The semi-final spots are still on and we have done well in our past couple of games. So, hopefully, we will get the three points today.

It does not matter as to who plays – be it myself or Albino Gomes because we are helping the team anyway and that's what is more important. As professionals, these things should not affect us. We have to keep going and keep working hard."



# MATCH PREVIEW

A heart-breaking last-minute Scott Neville equalizer denied us the victory in our last outing against SC East Bengal, but the boys are now rallying to face Bengaluru FC in Bambolim. With 10 points from 11 games, a win in the Southern Derby is all the more important to keep our playoff dreams alive.

After a steady start to their season, Bengaluru FC's recent form has been poor. With only one point in last five games, the Sunil Chhetri-led side will be keen to return to winning ways as well. Forwards Cleiton Silva and Kristian Opseth have failed to fire on all cylinders, but our backline will still need to be on their toes. The injury to Ashique Kuriniyan has been a big blow for the Blues, as will be the sudden return of midfielder Dimas Delgado to Spain. Chhetri has scored four goals but has often found himself deserted in attack, which is what we need to ensure happens again.

For us, Jordan Murray has been in a scoring spree and there is no stopping him with the kind of form he is in.

A few defensive lapses have hurt us throughout the season, but we believe that the players will be at their best against the southern rivals. The midfield, led by Vicente Gomez and Facundo Pereyra has been at its best and will no doubt relish avenging the 4-2 loss we suffered in the first round of games. Sahal Abdul Samad has also come into his own of late, and the clash between him and Suresh Wangjam could be a key battle to determine the outcome of the game. Bakary Kone is a suspect as he picked up a knock against the Red and Gold brigade in our first meeting, so it remains to be seen how head coach Kibu Vicuna lines up his defence against the Blues.

No matter the form, a battle against Bengaluru FC has always been decided on who plays better during the 90 minutes and the boys know that.

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