

ISL: Atletico de Kolkata thrash FC Goa 4-0

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KOLKATA: Five days ago, Zico's FC Goa were in seventh heaven, blowing away Nicolas Anelka's Mumbai City FC 7-0 to notch up the biggest win in ISL history.

On Sunday at the Salt Lake Stadium, Atletico de Kolkata brought them down to earth in a manner which the legendary Brazilian will find hard to digest.

South African Sammehg Douthie produced another performance of supreme confidence and character as ATK inflicted a 4-0 humiliation on the visitors from Goa to keep their chequered record against the opponents intact. Borja Fernandez pulled off a scorcher of a goal while Iain Hume converted a penalty to complete the rout.

The defending champions just outpaced and out-thought the rivals in a display that suggested that the champions mean business again. It was also their first clean sheet of the season.

Antonio Lopez Habas's could not have chosen a better match to flex their muscles in. ATK not only outplayed FC Goa, they also displaced them as league leaders (20 points from 12 games).

By becoming the first team to make the 20-point mark, ATK took a giant step towards ensuring a semifinal berth.