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**Spotlight Is On Arata As Defending Champions Look To Stretch Unbeaten Run**

FC Pune City's marquee coach David Platt has high regard for his Spanish counterpart, Atletico de Kolkata's Atonio Lopez Habas, and knows what to expect when the two teams face off in ISL-2 at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports complex on Saturday .

“Atletico are a well-drilled, well-organised outfit. They're playing in a way that wins football matches and that's testament to the coach, who has stuck to his philosophy and maintained a consistency in their style of play. They are one of the easiest teams to analyse. So we know what to expect,” said Platt at the pre-match press conference.

A win here will take Pune City to the top of the table. “It's our fourth game in the league and as important like the other three and the next 10 after this. There are three points to play for. I guess they are a very very good team and we will give the same answer to that. If we win we go top of the league but that doesn't guarantee a qualification spot,” Platt stated.

“Atletico are at the top with seven points and NorthEast are at the bottom but only seven points separate the two teams. So any team can get back into it with two wins,” Platt pointed out.

Despite the loss to Delhi Dynamos, Platt will stick to his rotation policy in a bid to keep his squad fresh for the latter half of the League.

With the Indian players back from international duty Platt now has options available in Jackichand Singh, Eugeneson Lyngdoh, Bikash Jairu and Priyam Kotal. The first two played in the previous match against Delhi.

ATK arrived in the city on Friday evening after an early morning training session back home. So the only feel of the ground that they will get is during warm-up an hour before kickoff.

ATK, the only unbeaten team in ISL-2 so far, will be without Baljit Sahni who is suspended for two matches. It will be a homecoming of sorts for their midfielder Arata Izumi. The Japanese returned-Indian player lives in Pune and plays for I-League club Pune FC. The spotlight will be on Arata also because he has scored in two successive matches for ATK, including in the last home match against Kerala Blasters.

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Atletico de Kolkata players will look to consolidate their position at the top