

Sesa FA are the champions

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The champions along with chief guest Curtorim MLA Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, GFA President Caitan Fernandes and GFA's Executive Committee members from the North and South, Sesa FA Management, match officials, GFA's Women's Chairperson Rocky Maymol, GFA's Competition Vice-Chairman Laxman Hadfadkar and other dignitaries at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, on Tuesday

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MAPUSA: Sesa Football Academy registered a well-deserved 5-2 win over Livval Sporting Association to clinch the 8th Goa Football Association-Vedanta Women's Football Trophy in the match played under floodlights at Duler Stadium, here, on Tuesday.

Unbeaten Sesa FA were indeed a far better side as they went into the breather with 3-0 margin.

Pushpa Parab put her team ahead scoring with a brilliant finish in the very first minute, 1-0.

As the match progressed, a long ball by Alisha Tavares was controlled by Arpita Pednekar, who darting inside

- INDIVIDUAL PRIZES**
- Player of the final:** Arpita Pednekar (Sesa FA)
 - Player of the tournament:** Sushmita Jadav (Sesa FA)
 - Emerging player:** Shaundella Gomes (Maina SC)
 - Best goalkeeper:** Ashika Gadekar (Sesa FA)
 - Best defender:** Aaroshi Govekar (Calangute Association)
 - Highest scorer:** Karen Estrocio (Livval Sporting Association)

GFA-VEDANTA WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

the 18-yard box, placed the ball into the goal, 2-0.

In the 22nd minute, skipper Sushmita Jadav guided the ball into the goal off a square pass by Pushpa Parab, 3-0.

On resumption of play, Arpita Pednekar pumped in the fourth goal.

However, in the 61st minute, Karen Estrocio managed to pull a goal for Livval

Sporting Association 4-1. In the 85th minute, Livval Sporting Association skipper Jossel Mascarenhas netted second goal, 4-2.

In the stoppage time, Flani Costa pumped in the fifth goal, 5-2.

At the breather, GFA's Women's Chairperson Rocky Maymol and GFA's Competition Vice-Chairman Laxman Hadfadkar escorted chief guest

Curtorim MLA Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, GFA President Caitan Fernandes and GFA's Executive Committee members from the North and South and Sesa FA Management were introduced to the players and match officials.

Sesa FA received the winner's trophy and cash prize of Rs1 lakh, while Livval Sporting Association took home the runners-up trophy and Rs 75,000.

Calangute Association third place trophy and Rs 50,000.

Maina SC, Patrong SC and Guardian Angel SC received trophies and certificates.

Worrel D'Souza and Anthony Lobo compered, while Rocky Mymol proposed a vote of thanks.

Jamshedpur FC move up to third spot

AGENCIES, NEW DELHI: Jamshedpur FC edged past Punjab FC by 2-1 in the Indian Super League match played at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, here, on Tuesday.

The Men of Steel are now placed third in the standings, with 31 points from 17 games courtesy of 10

wins and a draw - trailing the second-placed FC Goa (33) by just two points.

Jamshedpur FC broke the deadlock through Pratik Chaudhuri's header in the 41st minute and later Javi Hernandez doubled the lead early in the second half. Punjab FC tried their level best to

salvage something from the game but Ezequiel Vidal's goal remained only as a consolation. With this defeat, Punjab FC are now winless in seven consecutive games this season

RESULT
Punjab FC 1 (Ezequiel

Vidal 58') Jamshedpur FC 2 (Pratik Chaudhuri 41' Javi Hernandez 48')

ISL FIXTURE
NorthEast United FC vs Hyderabad FC, at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium, Guwahati, 7.30 pm

Dempo SC look to make most of home advantage

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FATORDA: Dempo Sports Club will host Delhi FC in the I-League 2024-25 match on January 29, at the Nehru Stadium, Fatorda, at 3.30 pm.

The Golden Eagles, currently sitting in ninth place with 11 points, will look to make the most of their home advantage as they aim to turn their fortunes around after a string of disappointing results. Their most recent outing saw them suffer a 0-2 defeat against Real Kashmir FC in Srinagar.

Despite the uphill battle, Dempo SC Head Coach Samir Naik remains optimistic about his side's chances.

Speaking on the eve of clash, Naik said, "We had better days, with or without foreigners. It will take some time for the foreigners to adjust, but for the betterment of the team, we have to give our best and try to win the game."

The Golden Eagles have only managed to collect one point in their last five matches - a stretch that has put them under pressure.

I-LEAGUE PREVIEW

Reflecting on their recent performances, Naik explained, "We could have done better in the first two games after the break, but in the final moments, we were defeated, probably

due to a lack of concentration or because the opponents were stronger."

With a squad filled with young, relatively inexperienced players, and a fluctuating foreign contingent, Naik admitted the challenges but expressed faith in his team.

"The boys are young and inexperienced, but we will get better. One foreigner trained on Tuesday, Lukman has trained with us three times, and Daiman is injured and just recovered. There are injuries, but the local boys are there, and I have faith in them. This is no easy situation as a coach - to have young players and constant changes in the foreign contingent - but we are ready to fight," he signed off.

Curtorim Gym clinch Barreto Trophy

Dronacharya Award winning coach Armando felicitated

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The winners along with chief guest Leader of Opposition and Cuncolim MLA Yuri Alemao, Curtorim MLA Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, Curtorim Zilla Panchayat member Michelle Rebelo, Dronacharya Awardee Armando Colaco, former sarpanch Rui Menezes, Fr Manuel Dias, Fr Domnic Savio Vaz, Roque Carneiro, Milagres Rodrigues, Alfred Baretto, Goa Football Association Executive Members Anthony Pango and Andrew Ferrao, Angelis Rebelo, President Francisco Rebelo, Moreno Rebelo, Fiel Braganza, club members and other dignitaries at the DYSA ground, Curtorim, recently

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- INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**
- Best goalkeeper of the final:** Johnson Bogot (Curtorim Gymkhana)
 - Best defender of the final:** Rhay Dias (Curtorim Gymkhana)
 - Best half of the final:** Alvino Fernandes (Fr Agnelo YSC, Paroda)
 - Best player of the final:** Nezly Hilario (Curtorim Gymkhana)
 - Best goal of the tournament:** Donald Rocha (Mandopa SC)
 - First scorer of the final:** Ryan Fernandes (Curtorim Gymkhana)
 - Best goalkeeper of the tournament:** Prakash Jhosi (Maina SC)
 - Best player of the tournament:** Inacio Colaco (PY Nuvem)

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RAIA: Curtorim Gymkhana were crowned champions in the Simon Barreto Memorial inter-village football tournament organised by Maina Sports Club at the DYSA ground, Curtorim.

In the final, Curtorim Gymkhana outplayed Fr Agnelo YSC, Paroda 2-0. Ryan Fernandes and Nezly Hilario scored one goal each in both the sessions of play.

Leader of Opposition and Cuncolim MLA Yuri Alemao was the chief guest and gave away prizes in the presence of Curtorim MLA Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, Curtorim Zilla Panchayat member Michelle Rebelo, Dronacharya Awardee Armando Colaco, former sarpanch Rui Menezes, Fr Manuel Dias, Fr Domnic Savio Vaz, Roque Carneiro, Milagres Rodrigues, Alfred Baretto, Goa Football Association Executive Members Anthony Pango and

Colaco on being bestowed prestigious Dronacharya Award in Lifetime Category and appealed to footballers to make Goa proud. Speaking on the occasion, the Cuncolim said that Goa has a long history of football and love towards 'The Beautiful Game' is in the blood of Goemkars. "Armando Colaco has brought laurels to Goa through his hard work, passion and dedication in this field. He has trained many



Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao felicitates Dronacharya Awardee coach Armando Colaco

budding talents and I hope they achieve their goals in future and make us proud," Alemao added.

Praising Armando, he said that he has seen his passion towards football for the last many years and was happy to see that he got the prestigious recognition.

"Armando has become an inspiration to many footballers. I urge you to make Goa proud in this field," Yuri further urged the footballers.

Sesa FA, Dempo win

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MAPUSA: Sesa FA pipped Reliance Foundation Young Champs, Mumbai, in 3-2 thriller of Reliance Foundation Development League U-21 match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Tuesday.

RELIANCE LEAGUE

For Sesa FA, Velito Rocha scored from the penalty spot with Andrew

Pillai and Ashish Ekka pumping in two more goals. For Reliance Foundation Young Champs, K Kingson and F Vankalchanchulak netted.

At Sirsaim ground, FC Goa and Maharashtra Oranje were locked in a goalless draw. At Guirim ground, Dempo SC registered a 3-0 win over Mumbai City FC. Jordan Borges, Shreyash Naik and Anish Gadgar scored.

Vagator PYSC thrash Benny XI

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MAPUSA: Vagator PYSC had an easy outing as they humbled Benny XI 7-1 in the GFA Division II League Bardez Zone match played at Vagator ground, on Tuesday. Rutik Bandodkar netted a hat-trick with Tyson Carvalho (2), Shelton Fernandes and Jonathan D'Costa adding their names to the scorer's list.

Flyod Pereira pulled one for Benny XI, Mapusa.

FC Goa hold Belgaum United FA

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MAPUSA: Sam Pereira's 81st minute goal enabled FC Goa to hold Belgaum United Football Academy to a 2-2 draw in the AIFF U-17 I-League match played at Sporting Planet Sports Complex, Belgaum.

BUFA forged ahead in the 22nd minute through Gourang Uchukar goal only to find Sangam Shetye equalise in the 38th minute with a low shot from outside the penalty box, 1-1.

Both teams came with renewed ideas on crossing over where BUFA capitalised on some poor

defending in the 58th minute to make it 2-1 through Thounao Singh goal.

There was a twist to the script in the 71st minute as Belgaum Utd FA defender was given marching orders for a second booking for a harsh tackle. Finally, in the 81st minute, Sam put FC Goa on level terms 2-2.

Our Lady of Carmel HS, The King's School march ahead

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PANJIM: The action-packed U-12 Diamond Mixed Boys and Girls 7-a-side football category witnessed thrilling encounters.

In a Round 5 match, Our Lady of Carmel High School, Curtorim, and St Joseph's Educational Institute, Chandor, delivered a tightly contested game that ended in a draw.

Rahul Menezes (St Joseph's Educational Institute) was awarded player-of-the-match for his commendable performance.

In the Round 7 match, The King's School, Sao Jose de Areal, emerged victorious against Fr Agnel Multipurpose High School, Nuvem, with an outstanding display by Elmer Fernandes (The King's School), who was named player-of-the-match.

The U-10 Diamond Mixed Boys and Girls 5-a-side futsal also brought exciting moments as the Round 3 match featured The King's School, Sao Jose de Areal, securing a strong win against Our Lady of Carmel High School, Curtorim. Dane D'Silva (The King's School) was recognised as

the player-of-the-match for his excellent game play and contribution to his team's success.

In the earlier matches, Perpetual Succour Convent Holy High School, Navelim, secured a victory over The King's School (Red), Sao Jose de Areal, in the U-12 Sapphire 7-a-side football (Round 2) category at The King's School ground.

The player of the match was Rylan Furtado (Perpetual Succour Convent High School, Navelim), whose outstanding performance led his team to success.

In another Sapphire encounter, St Joseph High School, Margao, triumphed against Holy Spirit Institute, Margao. Samarth Kalal (St Joseph High School, Margao) earned the player of the match title for his remarkable contributions.

The U-12 diamond featured intense matches. Infant Jesus High School, Colva and Fr Agnel Multipurpose High School, Nuvem, played a hard-fought draw, with Gautam Ainger (Infant Jesus High School, Colva) named player of the match for his exceptional effort.

The King's School (Blue), Sao Jose de Areal, claimed victory against

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Fr Agnel Multipurpose HS and The King's School colts vie for the ball at The King's Sports Academy ground, Sao Jose de Areal

NEXT GEN LEAGUE 2.0

Marina English High School, Verna, with a stellar performance by Chrisanne Cardoz (The King's School (Blue), Sao Jose de Areal), earning her player of the match honours.

The final Diamond match saw St Joseph's Educational Institute, Chandor, and Regina Martyrum High School, Assolna, end in a

thrilling draw. Players of the match, Adriyel Coloco (St Joseph's Educational Institute, Chandor) and Flavio Cardozo (Regina Martyrum High School, Assolna), were recognised for their exceptional gameplay and sportsmanship.

Perpetual Succour Convent High School, Navelim, defeated Bloomz Interna-

tional School, Verna in U-12 Sapphire (Round 2) category.

Players of the match, Spandana Shetty (Bloomz International School) and Pratik Sarmalkar (Perpetual Succour Convent High School), delivered stellar performances.

The U12 Diamond 7-a-side football (Round 3) showcased multiple exciting games. The King's School (Blue), Sao Jose de Areal, triumphed over St Anthony's High School, Cuncolim, with Elmer Fernandes (The King's School) named player of the match. Rosary High School, Navelim emerged victorious against St Xavier's High School, Verna, with Climax Gomes (Rosary High School) earning top honours.

Infant Jesus High School, Colva, outplayed St Joseph's Educational Institute, Chandor, led by player of the match Cayden Fernandes (Infant Jesus High School). Regina Martyrum High School, Assolna, secured a win over St Anne's Institute, Agonda, with an impressive showing by Flavio Cardozo (Regina Martyrum High School).

Fr Agnel Multipurpose High School, Nuvem, de-

feated Mount Mary's High School, Chinchinim, with Sneider Simoes (Fr Agnel Multipurpose High School) earning player of the match recognition.

In the U-8 mixed 5-a-side Futsal (Round 2), The King's School, Sao Jose de Areal, clinched a victory against Our Lady of Succour High School, Verna, with Daiwik Vernekar (The King's School) standing out.

The U-6 Diamond 3-a-side Futsal matches saw Our Lady of Succour High School, Verna, winning against The King's School, Sao Jose de Areal, with Rishab Naik (Our Lady of Succour High School) shining bright.

Perpetual Succour Convent High School, Navelim, triumphed over Bloomz International School, Verna, with Jordan Diniz (Perpetual Succour Convent High School) and Kurt D'sa (Bloomz International School) delivering notable performances.

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