

PVC Parra GFA Div II Bardez Zone champions

Vagator PYSC are runners-up, both teams qualify for play-offs



PVC Parra Division II Bardez Zone champions along with club officials and other dignitaries, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, on Sunday

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MAPUSA: PVC Parra managed to edge past FC Tuem by 2-1 margin and clinch the Goa Football Association's Division II League Bardez Zone title in the match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Sunday.

After Sunday's match, PVC Parra (20 points) and Vagator PYSC (19 points) have both qualified for the play-offs. FC Tuem (6 points) and Benny XI (7 points) have been relegated to the GFA's Division III League.

In a thrilling encounter, both the teams played tooth and nail till the final hooter.

All the goals came in the last quarter of the match with FC Tuem stunning PVC Parra with a 79th minute goal from the boots of Akram Yadwad, 1-0.

Stung by the reverse, PVC Parra not only levelled terms through Shadab Sheikh (81st minute) but saw striker Atish Mirajkar score the match winning goal in the 92nd minute to send the large PVC Parra supporters into raptures, 2-1.

At Vagator ground, Vagator PYSC trounced BAFF by



Runners-up Vagator PYSC at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, on Sunday

5-0 margin.

Vagator PYSC went into

the breather with two goals cushion, with Umesh Pujar and Wilson Fernandes scoring.

On crossing ends, after missing number of open sitters, Vagator PYSC pumped in three more goals through Joanathan D'Costa, Glen and Shelton Fernandes adding their names to the scorer's list.

At Poriat ground, Goan Warriors registered a 4-1 win over Benny XI. Aditya Tal-

war netted a hat-trick with Anthony scoring the fourth goal. For Benny XI's Flyod pulled a goal.

TABLE STANDINGS

P	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pts
1	PVC Association	9	6	2	1	23	12	11	20
2	Vagator PYSC	9	5	4	0	26	8	18	19
3	Goan Warriors FC	9	5	3	1	22	13	9	18
4	Sangolda Lightning	9	3	4	2	15	10	5	13
5	Valpoi FC	9	3	3	3	23	18	5	12
6	Bidesh XI SC	9	3	2	4	12	19	-7	11
7	BAFF	9	3	0	6	14	23	-9	9
8	Dunes SC	9	2	2	5	17	22	-5	8
9	Benny XI SC	9	1	4	4	10	21	-11	7
10	FC Tuem	9	2	0	7	13	29	-16	6

FC Goa qualify for AIFF U-17 I-League final round

Goa with 19 points have topped the group and have qualified for the National Round U-17 Youth League



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MAPUSA: FC Goa went down fighting to Football Club Mangalore by 1-3 margin in the AIFF U-17 I-League match played at

FC Mangalore ground, on Sunday.

FC Goa with 19 points have topped the group and have qualified for the National Round U-17 Youth League, while

FC Mangalore with 18 points and on second place have qualified for the play-offs.

In Sunday's match, Young Gaur's surrendered their 37th minute goal from

Josley Gomes, to find FC Mangalore level terms in the 67th minute through Mohammad Rinsad, 1-1.

Pepped up by the goal, Nabeel MP netted a brace by scoring in the 83rd and 88th minute 3-1.

Jamshedpur FC displace FC Goa at second spot

AGENCIES, JAMSHEDPUR: Jamshedpur FC edged past FC Goa 3-1 in the Indian Super League match played at the JRD Tata Sports Complex, here, on Sunday.

Khalid Jamil became the first head coach to do the league double over Manolo Marquez in the ISL since they had won 2-1 against the Gaurs in their reverse fixture on September 17, 2024 too.

Jamshedpur FC also displaced FC Goa at the second spot as a result of this win as they have 34 points to their name now as compared to the 33 of the Gaurs.

Lazar Cirkovic produced a peach of an effort to hammer the top right corner of the FC Goa net in the 34th minute. Javi Hernandez and Lazar were embroiled in a close situation on the flank, before the latter immedi-

ately picked possession and drilled the ball on target in an instant to get the Men of Steel the lead.

Jamshedpur FC maximised this momentum with Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) graduate Mohammed Sanan dazzling inside the box from the left flank before getting into the final third and directing a shot towards the centre of the

goal keeper. Hritik Tiwari made a stop, but Javi Siverio was placed in the middle to tap the ball in to double the lead in the 37th minute.

At the brink of half-time, FC Goa cut the deficit with a seamless interlink between the duo of Brison Fernandes and Ayush Dev Chhetri. Brison squared up a quick pass for Ayush from the left to the centre, which the latter hammered into

the bottom right corner with impeccable precision to bring the Gaurs back into the match.

The Gaurs sustained this intensity in the second half, as Mohammed Yasir and Sahil Tavora joined hands to cause a moment of trouble near the Jamshedpur FC box in the 57th minute. Tavora spotted space in the final third and

set a straight-forward delivery for Yasir, which hit the crossbar on the left side, despite pulling off the shot from the middle of the box.

However, Khalid Jamil's move to bring Mobashir Rahman on the field in the place of Sourav Das in the 58th minute had arguably turned the game in Jamshedpur FC's favour. A corner had come in Red Miners' way in the 68th minute, and Mobashir

stepped up for the corner and delivered a perfectly-paced curling ball could have got lost in the crowded FC Goa box, before Siverio headed it into the top left corner from close range to get the home side their third goal of the night, and an important win considering the points table dynamics too.

Jamshedpur FC will feature in their next match against Bengaluru FC on February 9, whereas FC Goa will lock horns against Odisha FC on February 6.

RESULT
Jamshedpur FC 3 (Lazar Cirkovic 34', Javi Siverio 37' 68') FC Goa 1 (Ayush Dev Chhetri 45')

ISL FIXTURE
Odisha FC vs NorthEast United FC at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, at 7.30 pm

TODAY'S SPORTS

I-League: Churchill Brothers FC vs Sporting Club Bangalore, at Raia panchayat ground, 3.30 pm

GFA Division II League South Zone play-offs: Guirdolim Club vs South Goa United SC, at Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda. Vasco City SCC vs Rising Star SCC, at Tilak Maidan, Vasco. Kick off 3.45 pm

Reliance Foundation Development League Group Stage Goa leg: Mumbai City FC vs Sesa FA, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 8.30 am. Maharashtra Oranje FC vs Dempo SC, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa. RF Young Champs vs FC Goa, at Sirsaim ground. Kick off 3.45 pm

1st Vauradeancho Ixtt Trophy: Margao SC vs St Anthony SC, Assolda, at the DSYA ground, Curtorim, 4.30 pm

Ambelim Sports Club inter-village Lourdes Soccer: Maina SC vs Maina SC vs Sao Sao Jose de Areal, at Ambelim ground, 4.30 pm

Squash: Akanksha in final

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PANJIM: Akanksha Salunke reached into the final of squash tournament beating Pooja Aarthi from Tamil Nadu.

She beat Pooja in three straight games 11-2, 11-7, 11-5 and will face off against Anjali Shemwal of Maharashtra for the gold medal. The coach Pinto Rai said her performance was of a very good standard and that he was expecting a very good result in the finals.

Sgrungi drops out of 100m backstroke

Goan swimmer Shrungring Bandekar dropped out of the 100 metres backstroke final because she was not feeling well. She was feeling much better later in the day and was present for practice in the evening.

She will now participate in the 200 metres individual medley and the coach Deepak Chetri feels she will do well because she came 4th in the 400 individual medley. He said he expected her to do something really good on Monday. The swimming comes to an end today.

Portais SC make it to play-offs

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PANJIM: Portais Sporting Club, Panjim, secured a dominant 3-0 victory over Amravati Sports Club, Amona-Bicholim, in the GFA Division II League (Ilhas Zone) match played at the Taleigao ground, on Sunday.

GFA DIV II LEAGUE

With this win, Portais SC have qualified for the all Goa play-offs. Led by captain Nitesh Kunkalekar, Portais SC displayed a well-balanced performance. The defensive unit consisting Mukesh Kunkalekar, Babash Shirvoikar, Ayush Mardolkar and Nitesh Kunkalekar, kept Amravati SC's attack in check, while midfielders Vishal Ad-

konkar, Mahendra Shirvoikar and Antonio Costa controlled possession.

Forwards Rohit Mardolkar, Vignesh Shirodkar and Divesh Adkonkar consistently troubled the opposition defence and goalkeeper Elesh Shirvoikar put in a solid performance to ensure a clean sheet.

Amravati SC fought hard, with midfielders Aadarsh Fadte, Rahul Chaudhury, Vithoba Dharne and Akshay Gauns making notable efforts, but they were unable to break through Portais SC defence.

The first goal came in the 30th minute when Vignesh Shirodkar finished off a well-placed pass from Vishal Adkonkar, giving Portais SC a 1-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, under the strategic guidance of FIFA

B Licence coach Frankie Mascarenhas, Portais SC adopted an attacking 4-4-2 formation, utilising the flanks effectively. This approach resulted in two more goals, both scored by Mahendra Shirvoikar, sealing a comfortable 3-0 victory. With this win, Portais Sporting Club now have 18 points from 10 matches, winning six games with one match still in hand, securing their spot in the Division I League play-offs.

The match was officiated by GFA Referee Domnic D'Araujo, with Anthony Elvis Simoes serving as the Match Commissioner. Portais SC now looks ahead to the play-offs, aiming to continue their impressive form.

PGML 4.0: RC Goa storm into play-offs, Baale Tigers taste first win

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PANJIM: RC Goa outplayed Dempo Challengers in a five-wicket victory and booked a Playoff spot in the ongoing PGML 4.0 at Panjim Gymkhana ground here on Saturday. Baale Tigers got a consolation victory under their belt while also delivering a knockout blow to Manas Mavericks.

RC Goa became the second team in the PGML 4.0 to qualify after Priority Titans. At the other end of the table, defending champions Manas Mavericks bowed out after suffering their fourth loss in their fifth game. Baale Tigers, who had lost all four of their previous matches tasted victory for the first time today.

With Playoff spot at stake, RC Goa and Dempo Challengers were expected to come out hard at each other.



Amey Dongrikar of Baale Tigers receives 'Grant Thornton' man-of-the match award from Raju Nayak, Suresh Karapurkar and Manish Karapurkar at Panjim Gymkhana ground, Campal-Panjim

However, Dempo seemed to have missed the required approach for acceleration to seize the initiative after electing to bat first. Only Om Fadte (35 off 24 balls) looked like playing with fluency while other batters including captain Tunish Sawkar (21) and Niraj Lotlekar (19) missed the opportunity to make a substantial contribution.

The Dempo total of 137/6 was never going to be enough to contain RC Goa arsenal of

batters including Goa Ranji Trophy wicketkeeper-batter Samar Dubhashi (40 off 32 balls). Nityay Kunkolienkar (36) and all-rounder Ramnath Gaonkar (22 not out) played perfectly as RC Goa cruised home with 2 overs to spare. Ramnath Gaonkar was named 'Grant Thornton' Man-of-the Match.

Earlier in the day, Baale Tigers' bowler Amey Dongrikar (4/25) delivered a stunning performance with



Ramnath Gaonkar of RC Goa receives 'Grant Thornton' man-of-the match award from Pramod Acharya in the presence of Girish Parekh at Panjim Gymkhana ground

the ball to run through the Manas Mavericks middle order by taking four wickets including a hat-trick. In his first over of the day, the cunning bowler mixed it up nicely and picked the first hat-trick of the PGML 4.0 and also won himself 'Grant Thornton' Man-of-the Match and Outstanding Performance (4 wickets or more) awards.

Electing to bat first, Manas Mavericks had made a good start with captain

Ilyas Naroo (28) looking good. From a decent foundation of 58/2, the defending champions collapsed to 62/7 in no time. However, the 8th-wicket partnership of 55 runs between Ajinkya Kuttarkar (30) and Heramb Parab (27) enabled Manas Mavericks reach a modest 120 in the allotted 20 overs.

Baale Tigers cruised to 122/3 in reply with Kapil Angle (38), captain Shushrut Nasnodkar (35)

and Harshad Gadekar (23 not out) setting up the first win for the Tigers.

Gomantak Editor Director, Raju Nayak and Prudent Media Editor Director, Pramod Acharya graced the occasion as chief guests for respective matches.

Brief scores: Manas Mavericks 120 in 20 overs (Ajinkya Kuttarkar 30, Ilyas Naroo 28, Heramb Parab 27; Amey Dongrikar 4/25); Baale Tigers 122/3 in 18.5 overs (Kapil Angle 38, Shushrut Nasnodkar 35, Harshad Gadekar 23 not out; Sunny 1/12), Baale Tigers win by 7 wickets.

Dempo Challengers 137/6 (Om Fadte 35, Tunish Sawkar 21, Niraj Lotlekar 19; Ramnath Gaonkar 2/25); RC Goa 139/5 in 18 overs (Samar Dubhashi 40, Nityay Kunkolienkar 36, Ramnath Gaonkar 22 not out; Balkrishna Hodarkar 2/23), RC Goa win by 5 wickets.

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