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Sumit Nagal advances to pre-quarters at Rosario Challenger



ARGENTINA: Indian tennis sensation Sumit Nagal moved forward into the pre-quarters after a challenging match against Argentina's Renzo Olivo at the 2025 Rosario Challenger. Nagal, ranked eighth, demonstrated remarkable determination and resilience, overcoming a first-set loss to secure a 5-7, 6-1, 6-0 victory on Monday. The 27-year-old athlete now prepares to face his next opponent, either Tseng Chun-hsin from Chinese Taipei or Bolivian player Hugo Dellien.

Mbappe out for Real Madrid Copa del Rey quarterfinal

MADRID: Carlo Ancelotti said Kylian Mbappe would miss Real Madrid's upcoming Copa del Rey quarterfinal against Leganes with a bruised calf and backed his club's complaints about Spanish refereeing on Tuesday. French striker Mbappe was hacked down by Espanyol's Carlos Romero during their 1-0 Liga defeat on Saturday with the defender avoiding a red card and going on to score the winning goal against the league leaders.

Veteran Sri Lankan batter Karunaratne to retire after playing 100th Test

GALLE: Former Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne is set to retire from international cricket after playing his 100th Test, which will be the second and final match against Australia starting here on Thursday. The 36-year-old, one of the most prolific batters for Sri Lanka, has scored 7,172 runs at an average of just under 40, with 16 centuries and 34 half-centuries in 99 Tests over nearly 14 years. He has also featured in 50 ODIs, scoring 1,316 runs with one century and 11 fifties.

Suryakumar, Dube included in Mumbai squad for Ranji Trophy quarterfinal

MUMBAI: India's T20 captain Suryakumar Yadav and Shivam Dube have been included in Mumbai's 18-member squad for their Ranji Trophy quarterfinal clash against Haryana, starting from February 8. Both Suryakumar and Dube, who took part in the recently-concluded India-England five-match T20I series which the hosts won 4-1, have played one game each in Mumbai's title defence of the Ranji Trophy this season. Mumbai qualified for the quarterfinals after their crushing victory by an innings and 456 runs against Meghalaya, while Jammu and Kashmir is the other team to make it to the knockouts from Elite Group A.

Newcastle defender Lloyd Kelly joins Juventus

ROME: Juventus announced on Monday the signing of English defender Lloyd Kelly from Newcastle on loan with an obligation to buy. The former England Under-21 centre-back will cost the Italian giants \$14.9 million for the temporary move. "Juventus are pleased to announce the signing of versatile and talented defender Lloyd Kelly, who has signed a loan deal, with an obligation to buy, until 30 June 2025," Juve said in a statement.

Salgaocar FC down Dempo SC

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RAIA/ MAPUSA: Salgaocar FC defeated Dempo SC, 2-1, in the GFA U-15 Division I match, at Sinquetim ground, on Tuesday. Reuben Jonas Barbosa scored

a brace for Salgaocar FC while Sameer Thapa reduced the margin for Dempo SC.

At Parra ground, Geno FC gained walkover over Pax of Nagoa as the latter failed to report for the match to be played.

Chelsea hit back to ruin West Ham boss Potter's revenge mission

AFP, LONDON: Chelsea staged a stirring fightback to ruin Graham Potter's return to Stamford Bridge and climb to fourth place in the Premier League with a 2-1 win against West Ham on Monday.



Chelsea midfielder Cole Palmer (left) celebrates with teammates after his deflected shot makes it 2-1 against West Ham United, at Stamford Bridge, in London

Hammers boss Potter was hoping for a victory over the club that sacked him in 2023 after just seven months in charge.

Jarrod Bowen gave West Ham the lead in the first half on his return to action after fracturing his foot in late December.

But Chelsea recovered from a listless start to equalise through Pedro Neto after the interval before Aaron Wan-Bissaka's late own goal shattered Potter's revenge mission.

Chelsea moved two points above Manchester City and Newcastle in the race to qualify for next season's Champions League via a top-four finish. It was the first time they

had taken three points in a home league game after trailing at half-time since 2013.

Chelsea's second win in eight league matches was a welcome boost for Enzo Maresca after the Blues boss complained that the transfer window was distracting his players.

Joao Felix had been linked with AC Milan and Axel Disasi drew interest from Aston Villa, while Ben Chilwell emerged as a Crystal Palace target and Borussia Dortmund eyed Carney Chukwuemeka.

Maresca will have been relieved to see Chelsea finally ignore the speculation on the day the January window closed.

Potter insisted being axed by Chelsea after winning just 12 of his 31 games could be "the best thing that happens to me".

The 49-year-old returned to management last month at West Ham and almost two years on from his Chelsea dismissal, he made his first return to the Bridge. But there was no happy

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE							
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Liverpool	23	17	5	1	56	21	56
Arsenal	24	14	8	2	49	22	50
Nottm Forest	24	14	5	5	40	27	47
Chelsea	24	12	7	5	47	31	43
Man City	24	12	5	7	48	35	41
Newcastle	24	12	5	7	42	29	41
Bournemouth	24	11	7	6	41	28	40
Aston Villa	24	10	7	7	34	37	37
Fulham	24	9	9	6	36	32	36
Brighton	24	8	10	6	35	38	34
Brentford	24	9	4	11	42	42	31
Crystal Palace	24	7	9	8	28	30	30

RESULTS	
Chelsea 2 (Neto 64, Wan-Bissaka 74-og)	West Ham 1 (Bowen 42)
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Cagliari 1 (Piccoli 55)	Lazio 2 (Zaccagni 41, Castellanos 64)

ending for Potter as Maresca beat his former West Brom team-mate. West Ham have won once in five games in all competitions since Potter took charge, but sit 10 points clear of the relegation zone.

Goa's beach volleyball teams enter quarters

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PANJIM: Both Goa 1 and Goa 2 have advanced to the quarterfinals of the 38th National Games Beach Volleyball event, held on Tuesday.

Goa 1 suffered a three-set defeat against Tamil Nadu but still secured a spot in the next round. Meanwhile, Goa 2 topped their group after defeating Uttar Pradesh in straight sets.

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Coach Pralhad Dhawaskar expressed confidence in the teams, stating, "Both teams have performed well throughout the tournament and should qualify for the finals." However, he identified Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh as strong competitors.

In the quarterfinals, Goa 1 will face Kerala, while Goa 2 will compete against Andhra Pradesh 2.

Taekwondo team ready for competition

Despite recent match-fixing allegations in taekwondo, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has taken corrective measures, ensuring the competition proceeds as scheduled.

Goa will be represented by four athletes—two male and two female—who are strong medal contenders. Coach Elisabeth Luis expressed optimism, stating, "The team is in fine form, and we have high expectations from them."

On Monday, Shrungi Bhandekar missed a medal by a whisker when she came in fourth in the finals of the 200 metres individual medley. She lost the third spot by a mere .42 milliseconds.

Sanquelim Eagles clinch Eagles Cup

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PANJIM: Sanquelim Eagles defeated Sanguem Warriors to clinch Eagles Cup 2025 in the final played at Kick Sports ground, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, recently.

After winning the toss, Sanquelim Eagles choose to field first. Batting first, Sanguem Warriors scored 33/6 in 5 overs with strong fierce bowling attack by Eagles Bowlers Yunus took two wickets and gave 4 runs and Farhan, Rafik (Bhau), Babul and Liakat took one wicket each.

In response, Sanquelim Eagles scored 35/4 in 4.1 overs. Rafik (Bhau) scored 17 runs not out.

In the semi-final, Sanquelim Eagles defeated favourites Jolly Tiger Golden Team.

The event was graced by President of Sanquelim Eagles Sayed Yakub along with notable figures such as Director of SE's Sayed Irfan and Asif Aga, Parvez Shaikh (president of JTG), Rizwan Shah (president of Sanguem Warriors) and



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Third Place: Jolly Tiger Golden Team
- Best batsman and player of the tournament: Aslam Shaikh (Sanguem Warriors)
- Best bowler: Abdul Munir Shaikh (Sanguem Warriors)
- Best fielder: Akib Shah (Sanguem Warriors)
- Man of the final: Mohammed Rafik-Bhau (Sanquelim Eagles)

Javed Shaikh (president of Karama 32 Warriors) and Mustafa Gazi, who gave away the prizes.

Sanquelim Eagles team: Yunus Shaikh (captain), Babul Chamansab, Moham-

med Rafik (Bhau), Sher Khan, Farhan Khan, Irfan Sayed, Liakat Bepari, Iqbal Makandar, Jakaula Shaikh, Mohammed Khan (Baba), Altaf Shaikh, Azim Shaikh, Asif Aga, Asif Sayed,

Parvez Sayed, Abdul Shaikh (Firdous), Jubair Shaikh and Sayed Yakub.

The Eagles Cup 25, presented by Sanquelim Eagles, has solidified its reputation as one of the most exciting cricket tournaments in the UAE, showcasing cricketing talent and building community spirit. The event was held on an international-standard grass ground and featured both day and night matches with 12 games played throughout the day by top 5 teams of Goa.

Margao SC defeat SC Davorlim to reach quarters

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RAIA: Margao Sports Club secured a 2-1 victory over Sporting Club Davorlim, advancing to the quarterfinals of the 1st Vauradencho Ixtt Trophy, organised by Batora United Club, in association with Margao Sports Club, at DSYA ground, Curtorim, on Tuesday.

In a clash between neighbouring teams, Sporting Club Davorlim took the lead in the first half through Delton Colaco, holding a 1-0 advantage at halftime.



Cliff Barreto of Margao SC receives man-of-the-match trophy from match commissioner Franky Fernandes

However, Margao SC regrouped swiftly in the second half, dominating play and equalising through Fr Mario Noronha. In the final quarter, Cliff Barreto netted

the winning goal, sealing the victory for Margao SC.

Cliff Barreto of Margao SC was presented man-of-the-match trophy by match commissioner Franky Fernandes.

Goa Triathlon returns at miniOrange Aquamoga 2025

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PANJIM: The Goa Triathlon is set to make a comeback at miniOrange Aquamoga 2025, a three-day event organised by Enduro Sports Goa at Miramar Beach, Panjim, from February 21-23. The Olympic-distance triathlon (51.5 km) includes a 1.5 km sea swim, a 40 km cycling segment, and a 10 km run. Last held at Bambolim Beach in 2018, the event is now returning alongside the debut of The Goa Aquathlon and the long-standing Goa Swimathon.

The Goa Swimathon, first

held in 2011 with just 14 participants, now attracts nearly 1,000 swimmers and will feature 1 km, 2 km, 5 km, and 10 km races, along with a 250 m fun swim.

The Goa Triathlon, which began in 2014, was India's first sea-swimming triathlon and the first to feature bike and run segments on traffic-controlled roads. The new Goa Aquathlon will include a 1.5 km sea swim and a 10 km run, catering to athletes who prefer not to cycle.

Athletes can register at www.endurosportsgoa.com by February 5.

Fr Agnelo YS move ahead

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RAIA: Fr Agnelo YSC Paroda defeated Mormugao United, 2-0, to move ahead in the Lourdes soccer inter-village football tournament, organised by Ambelim SC and played at Ambelim ground. Princen Costa gave lead to Fr Agnelo YSC in the first session of play while later Ashwon Fernandes doubled it in the second session.

Registrations open for Baale BPS Open

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MARGAO: Registrations are underway for the second edition of the Baale BPS Open 2025, an all-Goa ranking tennis tournament, organised by BPS Sports Club, Margao, in association with Baale Resort Goa and the Goa State Tennis Association (GSTA).

The tournament begins on February 22, promoting inclusivity in sports. The event concludes on February 23, with the open category matches, featuring some of Goa's top-ranked players. This year's tournament includes a wide range of categories, from Under-10 to Masters 55+, along with the newly introduced ladies' doubles category. Players can compete in a maximum of three events.

Those interested can register online at www.bpsgoaopen.com/register.

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TODAY'S SPORTS

GFA Second Division League 2024-25 (Ilhas zone): Amaravati Sports Club vs Agassaim Youth Club, at Santa Cruz ground, at 3.45 pm

1st Vauradencho Ixtt Trophy 2025 (quarterfinal): United SC, Seraulim vs Sao Jose de Areal, at DSYA ground, Curtorim, at 4.30 pm

Lourdes Maina Soccer 2025: United Boy's of Ambaulim vs Parish Youth Nuvem, at Ambelim ground, at 4.30 pm

ISL FIXTURE Mohun Bagan Super Giant vs Punjab FC, at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK), West Bengal, at 7.30 pm

Vasco Veterans clinch football title

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PANJIM: Vasco Veterans held their nerve in a tense penalty shootout to overcome Ilhas Veterans, 5-3 and emerge as champions in the recently concluded all-Goa veterans football tournament, organised by Mix Friends of Santa Cruz and played at the Santa Cruz ground.

The highly competitive final saw both teams struggle to break the deadlock, with the match ending goalless at the end of regulation time.

In the decisive penalty shootout, Vasco Veterans converted all five of their spot-kicks through Shaikh



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- First scorer of the final: Shaikh Niaze (Vasco)
- Last touch: Nagesh (Ilhas)
- Best defender: Pascoal (Ilhas)
- Best goalkeeper: Luis (Vasco)
- Best player of the tournament: Presley Pereira (Vasco)

Niaze, Nelson, Agostinho, Roque and Presley. Mean-

while, Ilhas Veterans managed to find the net only three times, with successful attempts from Nevil Araujo, Marcelino Rosario and Paixao.

Vasco Veterans were awarded a cash prize of Rs 30,000, while the runners-up, Ilhas Veterans, had to settle for Rs 20,000.