

Agacaim Youth Club top GFA Division II League Ihas Zone

Portais Sporting Club finish runners-up



Agacaim Youth Club team along with the club official at Santa Cruz ground, on Wednesday

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PANJIM: Agacaim Youth Club thrashed Amravati Sports Club 5-0 in their last match to top the Goa Football Association Division II League 2024-25 Ihas Zone at Santa Cruz ground, on Wednesday.

GFA DIV II LEAGUE

Agacaim Youth Club completely dominated the proceedings from the kick-off and Pratik Tirodkar, Vinayak Rane, Nikhil Gawade, Chandan Govekar and Valanko Miranda scored for the winners. Rajat Chopdekar, Kenny Rodrigues, Aniket Agareadekar, Pratik Tirod-



Runners-up Portais Sporting Club, Panjim, along with the club officials

kar played well in the defence, while Vinayak Rane, Deepak Saini and Aniket Naik controlled the midfield, while Chandan Govekar and Nikhil Gawade excelled upfront. For Amravati Sports Club, Rahul Chaudhuri, Mayur Bhagat

and Pradeep Desai played good in the midfield. With this win, Agacaim Youth Club topped the table standing with 28 points from their 10 league matches winning 9 and drawing one to remain the only unbeaten team in the league.

Agacaim Youth Club now qualified for the play-offs for Division I promotion. Portais Sporting Club, Panjim, finished runners-up with 18 points from 9 matches, winning six and losing three, with still one match in hand.

FC Goa look to bank on home advantage today

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FATORDA: FC Goa will lock horns with Odisha FC in the Indian Super League match on February 6, at the Nehru Stadium, here, at 7.30 pm.

The Gaurs are aiming for a third league double against Odisha FC, since they had won the reverse fixture by a 4-2 margin on January 4.

ISL PREVIEW

FC Goa have won seven out of the 11 encounters against the Juggernauts. This makes them one of the two teams in the league history, besides Mohun Bagan Super Giant (against East Bengal FC), to stay unbeaten against a single opponent after facing them over 10 times.

In their previous clash, FC Goa lost 1-3 to Jamshedpur FC, which

snapped their 12-game-long unbeaten run that comprised eight triumphs. The Gaurs will be eyeing to avoid consecutive defeats in the same season for the first time since April last year, when they were defeated by Mumbai City FC twice.

Odisha FC, on the other hand, have momentum in their side, since they won their last away game by 3-2 against Bengaluru FC, and then drew 2-2 at home against NorthEast United FC.

Prior to the match against the Blues, the Sergio Lobera-coached side was on a three-game-long winless streak on the road (D2 L1). The Juggernauts have previously managed back-to-back away wins only twice, between November-December 2024 and December 2023-February 2024.

FC Goa are placed third in the points table with 33 points from 18 match-

es, as they have won nine encounters and drawn six times. They will want to surpass the second-placed Jamshedpur FC (34), whereas Odisha FC are also three points (25) adrift the sixth-placed Mumbai City FC (28).

FC Goa Head Coach Manolo Marquez encouraged his team to rediscover their form after their 3-1 loss to Jamshedpur FC.

"We need to play in the way that we were doing, at least, to be competitive like in the previous games," he said. "We love to keep possession of the ball."

Odisha FC Assistant Coach Anthony Fernandes spoke about his team's playing template.

"We love to have possession of the ball and we do that to a great extent. We create plenty of chances and that shows our creativity," he said.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant qualify for play-offs

AGENCIES, KOLKATA: Mohun Bagan Super Giant downed Punjab FC 3-0 in the Indian Super League match played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, on Thursday.

The Mariners became the first team this season to qualify for the play-offs as they now have 46 points from 20 games on the back of 14 victories and four draws.

A brilliant second-half brace from Jamie Maclaren and a composed finish from Liston Colaco sealed all three points for the

league leaders. This was also their ninth consecutive win at home, registering their 12th clean sheet in the current campaign.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant will play Kerala Blasters FC next on February 15, whereas Punjab FC will lock horns against Odisha FC on February 10.

RESULT

Mohun Bagan Super Giant 3 (Jamie Maclaren 56' 90', Liston Colaco 63') Punjab FC 0



Our Lady of the Rosary High School, Dona Paula, secured second place in the U-14 Girls Softball State Level Tournament organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs for the Year 2024-25. The team along with Headmistress Sr Antonieta Colaco, PE Teacher Amol Nakarni and Francis Dias

Goa beach volleyball team to play for bronze today

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PANJIM: It was a frustrating day for Goa in beach volleyball when Goa I lost to Tamil Nadu 21-17, 21-9 in the semi-finals of the 38th National Games.

They will now play for the bronze medal on Thursday against Telangana. In a match where the wind played a big role, the team comprising Nitin Sawant and Rama Dhawasker played very well.

Coach Pralhad Dhawaskar said it was not their day.

NATIONAL GAMES

He said, "The wind was very strong, it affected both the teams but Goa suffered."

Rama said, "We tried our best but it was not enough today. Tomorrow we are playing for the bronze medal. We want to win something for Goa. Today was just not our day."

Earlier in the day, Goa II lost to Andhra Pradesh 2-1. Tejas Gauns said, "We made mistakes and the fact that the referee made mistakes during the match made it worse. We played well but that is how it is during the competitions. Telangana is very good team, they won the gold medal in Gujarat and were runners-up in Kerala." Rama said, "The Goan team

was also very good and expected a tough match for the bronze medal. Goa last won a medal in beach volleyball in Gujarat. The competition was not held in the National Games held in Goa."

Goa disappoint in weightlifting

The Goan campaign in the weightlifting championship was a disappointing one.

Himali Kamble in the 64 weight category stood fourth losing the bronze medal by 3kg. She was competing in the snatch, clean and jerk.

Coach Nandu GM said that her performance was commendable and she had improved over her last performance and it showed that she had the potential to go far.

He said, "I will not be surprised if she wins a medal in one of the tournaments in the future. Last time her total was 185kg but this year she raised 193kg which is very good."

The second weightlifter Akshay Gaikwad competing in the 73kg came seventh in a field of 7.

Pentathlon

The Goa team consisting two coaches and 10 players left by flight late last night for

Delhi. From there, they will go to Uttarakhand by train. Coach Kirtan Vaiz said, "The team is very strong and one could expect good performances from the team. The team is likely to win four gold and two silver. Babu Gaonkar, who won the gold medal in the last Games, is part of the team."

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The team of 10, 5 men and 5 women are ready to take on the competition which commences on February 11. Coach Avita Bandodkar said, "I expect medals from the girls. They are good but the sport is also very unpredictable. Anything can happen on that day. If they slip on the rope, they can lose points. That's what happened in Gujarat. We should have won the gold but the athlete slipped and fell."

Meanwhile, it is revealed by the Chef de Mission Irwin Irwin cardo that even though Goa won a gold medal in Kalari-payattu, it would not be considered in the list of medals won because it was just an exhibition sport.

UC Seraulim march into semis

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RAIA: United Club Seraulim outplayed Sao Jose de Areal 5-2 to move into the semi-finals of 1st Vauradencho Ixtt Trophy 2025 organised by Batora United Club in association with Margao Sports Club at the DSYA ground, Curtorim, on Wednesday.

United Club Seraulim scored five goals in the full session of play. In the first half, Keith Rodrigues and Ashley Fernandes were on target and remained 2-0



Keith Rodrigues of USC Seraulim is awarded the man-of-the-match by Santan in presence of other distinguished guests ahead at the breather.

Crossing over, Sao Jose de Areal bounced back equalised through Raymond Fernandes and Aryan Carvalho. In the last

quarter, UC Seraulim's Keith Rodrigues completed his brace, while Mohammad Shail and Shashank Shanke added their names on scorer's list.

UB Ambaulim pip PY Nuvem

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RAIA: United Boys of Ambaulim got the better of Parish Youth Nuvem 5-1 to move ahead in the Lourdes Cup inter-village football tournament organised by Ambeilim Sports Club at Ambeilim ground, on Wednesday.

LOURDES CUP FOOTBALL

Selton Fernandes and Lawrito Fernandes scored a brace each, while Sowell Fernandes was the other scorer for United Boys of Ambaulim.

The only goal for Parish Youth Nuvem was scored by Schubert Colaco.

PGML 4.0: Dempo Challengers, Prescon Panthers qualify for play-offs

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PANJIM: Dempo Challengers and Prescon Panthers sealed the remaining two Playoff positions at the on-going PGML 4.0, at Panjim Gymkhana ground.

While Dempo progressed to the last-four stage with a comfortable 4-wicket victory over Manas Mavericks, Prescon Panthers made the play-offs despite going down to Baale Tigers by 7 wickets.

Dempo Challengers finished third in the points table with six points from 6 games. Their net run-rate (NRR) was superior to Prescon Panthers, who also ended up with 6 points from 6 matches to finish fourth.

Desserts N'More Avengers, also with 6 points, finished fifth due to an inferior NRR.

Baale Tigers finished the league engagements with second successive victory and with 4 points from 6 matches, they finished 6th in the 7-team PGML. The holders Manas Mavericks endured a disastrous season where they lost five out of six matches, to occupy the bottom position.

While Prescon Panthers had almost booked their play-off spot after their last match and only needed to avoid a humiliation that could have dropped their NRR below that of the Avengers, Dempo Challengers were in a do-or-die situation in their last league match. Dempo Challengers will take on Pres-

con Panthers in the Eliminator on February 9.

Brief scores: Prescon Panthers 102 in 19.5 overs (Iftikhar Agha 35, Vivek Karapurkar 17 not out, Aditya Angle 13; Mrunmay Das 2/16); Baale Tigers 104/3 in 17.5 overs (Kapil Angle 40, Shushrut Nasnodkar 35, Harshad Gadekar 11 not out; Aditya Angle 1/7); Baale Tigers win by 7 wickets.

Manas Mavericks 120Manas Mavericks 120 all out (Ilyas Naroo 30, Heramb Parab 30, Ajinkya Kulkarni 17; Niraj Lotlekar 3/21); Dempo Challengers 121/6 in 17 overs (Tunish Sawkar 38, Om Fadte 37, Neel Netravalkar 13; Ilyas Naroo 1/06); Dempo Challengers win by 4 wickets.

GOA DIARY

Football selection trials on Feb 14 & 15

PANJIM: Sao Jose de Areal SC will be conducting selection trials for GFA Division I League on February 14 and 15, at Padrihat ground, Sao Jose de Areal, at 7am. Interested players should contact Bersal viegas and Mario Baretto at the venue.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Reliance Foundation Development League (Group Stage) - Goa leg: FC Goa vs Maharashtra Oranje FC, at FC Goa training ground, Guirim. Dempo SC vs Mumbai City FC, at Dempo Sports Academy ground, Ella, Old Goa. Sesa FA vs RF Young Champs, at Siraaim ground. Kick off: 4.45 pm

GFA U-13 Division II Play-Offs Semi-Finals qualifier knockout: Rossman Cruz SC, Nagoa vs Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorada, at Betalbatim ground. SFX Gonvill-Xeldem vs Vasco United FC, at Don Bosco Oratory Fatorada ground. Kick off 3.45 pm

GFA U-15 Division I League: Sesa FA vs Churchill Brothers SC, at Sinquetim ground, 3.45 pm

1st Vauradencho Ixtt Trophy: Fr Agnelo YSC, Paroda, vs United Club Verna, at the DSYA ground, Curtorim, 4.30 pm

17th All Goa Inter-Village Seraulim Panchayat Cup football: Nuvem Sports Club vs Guirdolim Club, at the Seraulim panchayat ground, 4.30 pm

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