

Churchill Bros frustrated with late equaliser

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AIZAWL: Colombia's Luis Rodriguez emerged as a hero on his 1-League debut as his injury-time strike helped a beleaguered Aizawl FC salvage a 1-1 draw against leaders Churchill Brothers at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, here, on Monday.

Remarkably, it was Aizawl's only shot on target throughout the match.

I-LEAGUE

Churchill Brothers, who were left to lick their wounds after missing a host of opportunities, had taken the lead at the hour mark when South African Wayde Lekay converted a penalty to score his 10th goal of the tournament. Churchill Brothers were reduced to 10-man when Colombian defender José Luis Moreno was sent off in the 74th minute.

The draw leaves Churchill Brothers rueing what could have been a clear path to consolidating their lead at the top of the table.

ble. Instead, they now face increased pressure from their rivals after settling for a draw against an opponent who are 11th in the points table. Churchill Brothers have 28 points from 15 matches with eight wins, four draws and three losses.

For Aizawl, the dramatic finish should provide a lot of confidence, especially when they lost 0-6 in their away fixture to Churchill Brothers last month. The Reds have 11 points from 15 matches.

Churchill Brothers approached the match with a blend of confidence and strategic caution.

From the outset, they focused on building their gameplay by setting the tempo of the match. Despite this controlled start, the Red Machines struggled to convert their dominance into tangible threats against a robust Aizawl defence.

RESULT
Aizawl FC 1 (Luis Rodriguez, 90+6)
Churchill Brothers 1 (Wayde Lekay, 60 p)

GOA DIARY

Workshop entitled 'Mentoring for Wholistic Development through Sports' on Feb 24

PANJIM: Fr Agnel College of Arts and Commerce, Pilar, in collaboration with John Paul II Foundation for Sports Goa will organise a one-day workshop entitled "Mentoring for Wholistic Development through Sports" on February 24, from 9 am. This workshop aims to empower physical education (PE) personnel and coaches in with insights into how mentoring in sports can be a powerful tool for instilling values, shaping character and contributing to the overall wellbeing of the students. The workshop is for about 150 PE personnel and coaches from the schools colleges and clubs across the State. On the occasion, Dronacharya Awardee Armando Colaco, along with other national renowned coaches and sports administrators and journalists will be felicitated. Those college directors of physical education and sports and teachers of physical education of schools, higher secondary schools interested in participating in the workshop should register by February 21, at email vlmcken@yahoo.co.in.

Goan Sports Club UK to host Indian Badminton Championship

PANJIM: Goan Sports Club UK will host the Indian Badminton Championship 2025 on March 1, at Cranford Community College. Open to Indian-origin players living in the United Kingdom, the tournament will feature men's doubles with 32 teams, men's singles with 16 players, mixed doubles with 16 teams, and a kids' category with 16 players. The event is technically supported by Achivnix Badminton Club, run by Max Pereira, who has been working with badminton players across London. Registrations are already full, with players from different Indian-origin communities taking part. The tournament will see some exciting pairings, including mother and son, father and daughter, brothers, and husband and wife teams. Some well-known names in badminton have also signed up, adding to the buzz around the event. For details, contact Goan Sports Club UK at email goanscuk@gmail.com or Insta @goanscuk.

FC Goa, Guardian Angel SC have easy outings to gain full points

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MAPUSA/RAIA: FC Goa had an easy outing as they trounced Panjim Footballers by 7-0 margin in the Goa Professional League (GPL) match played at Duler Stadium, here, on Monday.

GOA PRO LEAGUE

For FC Goa, Sitroy Carvalho netted a brace, with Malsawmtluanga, Yanglem Santomba Singh, Saish Gauncar, Likson Rebelo and Mallikjan Kalegar adding their names to the scorer's list. Young Gaur's were indeed a better side as they kept their opponents pinned mostly inside their own territory.

FC Goa scored one of the

fastest goal in the ongoing GPL where in the 38th second a long floater by medio Davis Fernandes was controlled and aimed at the goal by Shaikh Ismail only to find Panjim Footballers custodian Cydon D'Souza block the strike for a corner.

From the resultant corner by Malsawmtluanga, defender Sitroy Carvalho nodded the ball into the back of the nylons, 1-0.

After 20 minutes of mid-field tussle, Young Gaur's Davis moved upfront from the left wing and sent the ball across the goal area only to find Panjim Footballers' skipper Prasil Kankonkar clear the ball for a corner.

In the 29th minute, Young Gaur's Yanglem Santomba Singh this time after covering some ground on the left wing sent a deadly cross

inside the 6-yard box to find Malsawmtluanga send the ball into the goal, 2-0.

Panjim Footballers who had reinforced their squad by signing three outstation players from Kerala, yet found it difficult to stop the compact Young Gaur's side.

Their best chance to reduce the margin came in the 35th minute of play, but a stiff by Benwin PB from inside the 18-yard box was saved by Young Gaur's goalkeeper Bob Jackson Raj. Before going into the dressing room a rasping shot by Akash Oraow was blocked by Panjim Footballers' custodian.

On crossing ends, after a number of missed chances, Young Gaur's time and again scored five goals through Sitroy, Yanglem, Saish, Likson and Mallikjan.

In another match, Guard-

ian Angel SC eased past Churchill Brothers 3-0, at Nagoa panchayat ground, on Monday.

The match got off to a perfect start for Guardian Angel SC when Peter Carvalho rose to head home a precise free-kick from Moises D'Sa in the 35th minute, following a foul on Preston Castano just outside the box.

In the second half, Ronald Singh almost doubled the lead early, but his effort was cleared off the line by Sarif Khan. Singh wasn't to be denied, though, as he struck a stunning free-kick in the 66th minute, curling it into the top corner.

Just minutes later, Singh completed his brace with a clinical finish, rounding the goalkeeper after a brilliant through ball from Moises to seal a comfortable 3-0 win.

Aarush wins silver at France Open U-17 Badminton Tournament

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Goa's young badminton star Aarush Pawaskar along with the officials during the prize distribution ceremony

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PANJIM: Goa's young badminton star, Aarush Pawaskar, made the State proud by securing a silver medal at the prestigious France Open U-17 Badminton Tournament, held in Aire-sur-la-Lys, France, recently.

Aarush displayed remarkable skill and determination, defeating top-ranked opponents en route to the final. His journey included victories over England's Joel Joby (21-18, 21-14), European No. 6 and tournament's top seed Santiago Araujo of Switzerland (21-13, 20-22, 21-11) and Quentin Boschung of Switzerland (21-18, 21-9).

In the quarter-finals, he triumphed over France's No. 2, Victor Le-Roux (21-9, 14-21, 21-17), followed by a hard-fought semi-final win against England's Sajan Senthuran (24-22, 21-18). Aarush fought valiantly in

the final against Denmark's Axel Boesen, narrowly missing the gold in a thrilling three-game battle (21-15, 20-22, 15-21). Congratulating Aarush on his remarkable feat, Goa Badminton Association President Manoj Patil, said, "He is Goa's No. 1 player and has already proven his talent at the national level, having reached the quarter-finals of the Sub-Junior Nationals last year. He is a player of great potential, and his dedication and hard work are truly commendable."

"We at the GBA are proud of his silver medal achievement and extend our gratitude to his coach Utsav Mishra, Udbhav Badminton Academy, Goa Carbon Limited, Yonex Sunrise India and the Badminton Association of India for their invaluable support in his journey. We are confident that Aarush has a bright future ahead and will continue to bring laurels to Goa and India," he added.

Vagator PYSC, PVC Parra secure win

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MAPUSA: Vagator PYSC trounced Agassaim Youth Club 6-0 in the Goa Football Association's Division II Play-Offs North Zone match played at Santa Cruz ground, on Monday.

GFA DIV II PLAY-OFFS NORTH ZONE

For Vagator PYSC, Wilson Fernandes netted a hat-trick by scoring the first goal in the 16th minute from the penalty spot. Rutik Bandodkar netted

a brace and Umesh Pujar scored for Vagator PYSC. Pratik Tirodkar of Agassaim YC was sent off by the referee in the 16th minute of play.

At Parra ground, PVC Parra managed to edge past Portias Sporting Club by 6-4 margin. For PVC Parra, Shadab Sheikh netted a hat-trick, with Sahil Jalmi, Fhazer Gomes and Jagdish

Chawan scoring a goal each. While for Portias Sporting Club, Babash Shirvoikar, Viguesh Shirodkar, Mahendra Shirvoikar and Elesh Shirvoikar scored.

Navelim SC move up

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Former Cuncolim MLA Clafasio Dias presents man-of-the-match award to Velington Almeida of Navelim SC

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RAIA: Navelim Sporting Club edged past Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda, 2-1 in the inaugural match of Vaidya Family Memorial Cup organised by Cuncolim Union, at school playground, Cuncolim, on Monday.

Navelim SC opened the scoreline through Velington Almeida with a powerful shot that beat Don Bosco Oratory goalkeeper Clyden Clement in the 22nd

minute of play, while Don Bosco Oratory's Charles Miranda shot missed the target by whiskers before the half time.

Navelim SC were leading 1-0 at half time. Changing over, Don Bosco Oratory wasted chances to level the score and Navelim SC doubled the lead in the 52nd minute through Ronaldo Pereira, while Don Bosco Oratory pulled one goal back through Edger Noronha in the 56th minute.

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Tottenham beat Man Utd in battle of Premier League strugglers

LONDON: Tottenham won the battle of the Premier League's underachievers 1-0 on Sunday to inflict another dismal result on Manchester United boss Ruben Amorim. James Maddison scored the only goal on 15 minutes as Spurs moved above United in the table into 12th thanks to a third win over the Red Devils this season. Victory eased the pressure on under-fire Tottenham boss Ange Postecoglou after exiting both domestic cup competitions this month to go with their lowly league position. United now find themselves down in 15th, but do enjoy a 12-point cushion over the bottom three.

Pro League: India women aim to return to winning ways against Spain

BHUBANESWAR: The Indian women's hockey team will be eager to get back to winning ways when it faces a confident Spain in the doubleheader here. After a promising start with a thrilling 3-2 victory over England in their opener, the India narrowly missed out on a bonus point in their second game, losing 2-1 in a dramatic shootout after the match ended 2-2 in regulation time. Despite showing resilience, India currently sit in eighth place in the standings with four points from two games and will be looking to climb higher in the points table as they face a confident Spanish side on Tuesday and Wednesday. "Spain is a tricky team, and we know it's going to be a challenging contest. However, we are ready for the challenge," India captain Salima Tete said. Match starts 5.15 pm on Tuesday and 7.30 pm on Wednesday.

India men look to continue winning against Germany in FIH Pro League

BHUBANESWAR: Their campaign back on track after a jittery start, India will look to continue the winning momentum when they take on Paris Olympics silver medallist Germany in their next men's FIH Pro League match here on Tuesday. India had a woeful start to their home leg matches of the Pro League, losing 1-3 to Spain in their opener. But the hosts bounced back strongly to tame Spain 2-0 in the return match on Sunday. With three points from two games, India are currently sitting in eighth place in the standings and will be desperate to climb up the table. Germany, who will be playing their first match of the India leg, are placed just above India in seventh place with four points from as many games and will be determined to turn their fortunes around.

Neves, Milagres star for Mitra Veterans

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MAPUSA: Mitra Veterans scored a goal in each session to get the better of hosts Siolim Veterans 2-0 in the All Goa Siolim Veterans football tournament played at Siolim ground, on Monday.

The match was witnessed by a large crowd where Mitra Veterans' Milagres and Neves scored from a close range.

On crossing ends, once again Milagres accounted for the second goal.

Siolim Veterans tried hard to equalise but were let down as they could not convert the numerous chances they created.

Chief guest Seby D'Costa, a former Churchill Brothers and Vasco SC player presented the man-of-the-match to Milagres, while Benedict Fernandes, former Dempo SC and FC Siolim player presented cash prize to Neves for being the first goal scorer of the match.

TODAY'S SPORTS

- Goa Professional League:** Pax of Nagoa SC vs Cortalim Villagers SWSC, at Nagoa ground, 4 pm
- GFA U-13 Girls League (North):** Quitula S&SC vs El Shaddai S&CC, at Sinquerim ground, 4.30 pm
- GFA U-13 Girls League (South):** Union of Chinchinim Villagers vs Compassion SC, at The King's School ground, 4.30 pm
- GFA U-15 Division I League:** Clube de Salgaocar vs Geno FC, at Sinquetim ground, 4 pm
- GFA U-13 Division I League:** South Goa United SC vs Salgaocar FC, at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, 4.15 pm. Cortalim Villagers SWSC vs Guardian Angel SC, at Cansaulim ground, 4.15 pm
- GFA U-17 Division I League:** Sporting Clube de Goa vs FC Goa, at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Panjim, 3.45 pm
- Advocates Cricket League:** 18 Juners vs Risers, at the Goa Cricket Association ground, Porvorim, 9.30 am
- Vaidya Family Memorial Cup:** USC Seralulim vs Guardian Angel SC, Curchorem, at school playground, Cuncolim, 4.45 pm

Calangute Inter-School Sports Fiesta: Young athletes display talent, determination and sportsmanship

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CALANGUTE: The Inter-school Sports Fiesta 2025 organised by the Village Panchayat Calangute, concluded with an exciting grand finale at the Poriat ground, Calangute, recently. The event witnessed remarkable participation from young athletes across various schools displaying their talent, determination and sportsmanship.

The competition was spread across four days with various sporting events held at multiple venues. On Day 1, beach football and beach volleyball (boys and girls) was held at West Coast Sports and Cultural Club, Covravaddo. On Day 2, chess, badminton, table tennis and carrom events were conducted at Calangute Association premises. On Day 3 and 4, futsal, javelin throw, shot put, 100m and 400m races and relays were held at the Poriat ground.

The following are the winners: In the girls category: 1st place - Little Flower of Jesus High School, Calangute; 2nd place - St Theresa's High School, Candolim; 3rd place - St Joseph's High School, Arpora. In the boys category, 1st place - St Theresa's High School, Candolim; 2nd place - St Joseph's High School, Arpora; 3rd place - St Joseph's High School, Calangute.

St Joseph's High School, Calangute; St Joseph's High School, Arpora, St Theresa's High School, Candolim; Green Meadows High School, Nagoa; Vidya Niketan High School, Calangute; Lourdes Convent High School, Salgaio; St Dominic Savio High School, Calangute and Little Flower of Jesus High School, Calangute participated in the Inter-School Sports Fiesta. Speaking at the event, Sarpanch Joseph Sequeira highlighted the importance of sports in shaping young individuals and promoting

teamwork and discipline. Panch Sappnesh Vaigankar, the main coordinator of the event, thanked all participants, school staff and the organising team for their dedication in making this fiesta a grand success. The Village Panchayat Calangute expresses its gratitude to all schools, athletes, and supporters for making the Inter-School Sports Fiesta 2025 an unforgettable experience. The event truly celebrated the spirit of competition, unity

and excellence. Earlier, the sports fiesta was inaugurated by chief guest Calangute MLA Michael Lobo and guest of honour BDO Prathamesh Shankardas, in the presence of Sarpanch Joseph Sequeira and other dignitaries. The closing ceremony was graced by Sarpanch Sequeira and MLA Lobo. The event featured a march past, lighting of the torch, dance performances, and drills by the students, adding grandeur to the final day.

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