

Unbeaten Vagator PYSC emerge North Zone champs



The team along with club officials at Santa Cruz ground, on Friday

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MAPUSA: Unbeaten Vagator PYSC had an easy outing as they trounced Portais Sporting Club by 6-1 margin to emerge champions in the Goa Football Association's Division II North Zone

GFA DIVISION II LEAGUE

League played at Santa Cruz ground, on Friday. Joanathan D'Costa opened the account for Vagator PYSC in the very 5th minute of play, only to find Diwakar Chowdhary netting a brace before going for a lemon break.

On crossing over, Tyson Carvalho and Ruth Bandothkar (2) scored for Vagator PYSC. Portais Sporting Club pulled a self-goal in the 60th minute through Jovian Conceicao 6-1.

At Parra ground, PVC Parra registered a 4-2 win

over Agassaim Youth Club to qualify from the North Zone. An own goal from Aniket Agarwadkar put PVC Parra ahead with Sahil Jalmi, Shadab Sheikh and Roydon Rego adding their names to the scorer's list. At the other end, Vinayak Rane netted a brace for Agassaim Youth Club.

I'm Considering opening academic sports school in State: Leander Paes

Indian tennis legend says we can 100% build an Olympic champion from Goa

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MARGAO: Indian tennis legend Leander Paes on Friday stated that he is considering opening an academic sports school in Goa in the next 18 months to aid in this endeavour.

He further said, "As a community, we can come together and 100 per cent build an Olympic champion from Goa."

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Recipient of several prestigious accolades and world records, a few of Paes' honours include being the first Asian man to be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame and an Olympic Games medal winner. He is also regarded as one of the greatest doubles tennis players of all time. Also present at the meet-and-greet event, which was attended

Kimberly-Junette advance to ladies doubles semis; Tvisha in U-14 girls final

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MARGAO: Kimberly Cabral and Junette Rodrigues rallied together as a powerful pairing to overpower Danielle Eva Fernandes and Helen 6-0, advancing to the semi-finals of ladies doubles category of ongoing Baale BPS Open 2025, at the BPS Club, here, on Friday.

In the girls U-14 semi-finals, Tvisha Sardesai advanced to the final after her opponent Kimberly D'Sa retired from the match 3-0 due to illness and Urvi Pai Panandiker defeated Bhaavya Bhoomkar after a prolonged battle on the court with a score of 4-2, 1-4, 10-7.

In the girls U-18 semi-finals, Tithee Bhoomkar outplayed Avni Lotlikar 4-0, 4-1, and Tvisha Sardesai beat Bhaavya Bhoomkar 4-0, 4-0.

The boys U-14 category saw Ethan Luis De Aitade overcome Timofei Polosin 6-0 in the quarter-final, before succumbing to Shaurya Verlekar's challenge in the semi-final 4-3, 0-4, 12-10.



Kimberly Cabral (left) and Junette Rodrigues delivered a powerful performance on court, advancing to the semi-final of the ladies doubles category

BAALE BPS OPEN TENNIS

In the boys U-18 semi-final, Kyan Mavany overpowered Vedant Naik 4-1, 4-0.

Junette Rodrigues/Nishad Shevde and Liza George/Prince Agnelo

Joven de Silva prevailed over their respective opponents Tvisha Sardesai/Sanket Nayak and Dustan Dias/Tanya Shelyazhynska-Caldeira 6-1 in the quarter-final of the mixed doubles category; in the same category, Anjali Philip/Santosh conquered Raisa Menezes/Lyndon JP 6-4, 6-1 in the semi-final.

Siddharth conquered Prince Agnelo Joven de Silva 6-1 in the open men's singles quarter-final. In the Masters 45+ men's singles category, Sameer Kakodkar got the better of Sandeep Menon 6-1 in the quarter-final and in the semi-final of the same category, Manoj Pandey overwhelmed Sameer Kakodkar 1/6, 6/1, 10/4 after a fierce match.

In the Masters 55+ men's singles semi-finals, Jude Cardozo quelled Noel Noronha's challenge 4-6, 6-1, 10-7 to advance, while in the Master's 55+ Men's Doubles semifinal, Caetano Fernandes/Basvraj Pattanshetty bested Raju/Aman Prabhu Gaonkar 6-4, 6-4.



Sakshi Kale lived up to her top billing as she won gold medal in the women's 100m run (T-12) at the 23rd National Para Athletics Championship organised by the Tamil Nadu Paralympic Sports Association at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai-Tamil Nadu, recently. A visually impaired Goan athlete Sakshi, who finished the race in 14.61 seconds ahead of Sidra Muskan (Delhi) and Janaki Oram (Odisha), along with the officials

Super Goans gain 3 points

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RAIA: Super Goans Football Club outplayed SCC Loutolim 4-0 in the Goa Football Association U-15 Division II League match played at SAG ground, Benaulim, on Friday.

GFA U-15 DIV II

Keyan Koya, Joel Passoni, Blaine Chukwulo and Adriano Maffioletti scored a goal each for Super Goans FC.

SC Davorlim move into quarters

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RAIA: Sporting Club Davorlim scored a solitary goal win over SCC Loutolim to march in the quarter-finals of Vaidya Family Inter-Village Football Tournament at Cuncolim school ground, on Friday.

The all-important goal of INACIO NORONHA



PE Teacher Joaquim Pereira presents the player-of-the-match to Rosary High School

the match was netted in the first session with a penalty shot by William Niasso. Velloroy Colaco of Sporting Club Davorlim was declared as man-of-the-match.

Rosary HS, Perpetual Succour Convent win

Rosary High School, Navelim, got the better of Our Lady of Poor High School, Tilamol, 3-0, in the U-15 women's football tournament organised by Navelim Sporting Club, at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, on Friday.

Royce Pereira, Christine and Valanca scored a goal each for Rosary HS. Royce Pereira was awarded the player-of-the-match by PE Teacher Joaquim Pereira.

In another match, Perpetual Succour Convent High School, Navelim, defeated St Jude, Betalbatim, 3-0. Clea Colaco (2) and Venicia Carvalho (1) netted the goals.

TODAY'S SPORTS

- Goa Professional League:** Sporting Clube de Goa vs Clube de Salgaocar, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4 pm
- GFA U-13 Division I League:** Cortalim Villagers SWSC vs Goa Police GFDC, at Cansaulim ground, 4.15 pm
- GFA U-13 Division II All Goa Play-Offs (semi-finals):** Don Bosco Oratory, Fatorda, vs Super Goans FC, at Benaulim ground, 4 pm
- Benaulim Constituency Veterans Football:** Seraulim Veterans vs Cavellossim Veterans, at Varca ground, 4.30 pm
- Vaidya Family Memorial Cup:** Cuncolim Union vs Benfica Youth Club, Vasco, at Cuncolim school playground, 4.45 pm
- U-15 Women's football tournament (semi-finals):** Perpetual Succour Convent High School, Navelim, vs Rosary High School, Navelim, 3.30 pm; Fatima Convent High School, Margao, vs St Anne's Institute, Agonda, at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, 4.30 pm

Risers set up a final showdown with United Brothers today

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PANJIM: Risers bounced back from their Qualifier 1 loss to United Brothers defeating Lawyer Challengers by five wickets in Qualifier 2 to set up a rematch with United Brothers in the Advocates Premier League (ACL T20) 2025 final at Goa Cricket Association ground, Porvorim, on Friday.

ADVOCATES PREMIER LEAGUE

Lawyer Challengers, determined to make a statement, opted to bat first after winning the toss. However, they lost both their openers, Devanand Korgaonkar (5) and Sachin Sardesai (13), in the fourth over with the scoreboard reading a precarious 28/2, leaving their hopes of a big total hanging in the balance.

But Mithun Govekar (48) and Vrusaj Talaulikar (57) had other plans. The duo stitched together a magnificent 102-run partnership, injecting life into Lawyer Challengers' innings.

Just when it seemed like they would take the game away, Risers' bowlers struck back, claiming crucial wickets.

Achit Shigwan's explosive 17-ball 31, laced with 1 four and 4 sixes, provided a late surge, propelling Lawyer Challengers to a challenging 176/5 in 20 overs. In reply, Risers' openers, Dattaprasad Shirodkar (28) and Shantaram Naik (20), got off to a flying start, adding 54 runs for the first wicket. However, Lawyer Challengers' bowlers fought back, claiming regular wickets.

Shubham Gadekar (39) and skipper Anoop Kulkarni (39) then joined forces, conjuring a vital 62-run partnership that kept Risers in the hunt.

As the match hurtled towards a thrilling climax, Risers required 37 runs from the last five overs. Anoop's dismissal, trapped in front of the wicket, sent jitters through the Risers' camp. But Rohit Dessai, the hitman of Risers, was unfazed. With his unbeaten 21 off 10 balls, embellished with 2 sixes and 1 four, Risers sealed a nail-biting victory, reaching the target in 19.3 overs with five wickets in hand. Dattaprasad Shirodkar's all-round heroics earned him the man-of-the-match award.

The stage is now set for a final showdown between Risers and United Brothers on Saturday evening.

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