

Mohun Bagan SG become first team to defend ISL title

PTI, KOLKATA: Mohun Bagan Super Giant on Sunday became the first team in Indian Super League (ISL) history to defend the title with a 1-0 win over Odisha FC here.

ISL By virtue of clinching the ISL Shield, MBSG also booked a berth in the AFC Champions League 2, the continent's second tier club competition.

After the win in their 22nd league game, Mohun Bagan Super Giant secured 52 points and emerged Shield Winners with two matches to spare.

Their nearest rivals, FC Goa, have collected 42 points from 21 matches, and they cannot catch MBSG even if they win



Mohun Bagan Super Giant's players celebrate after winning the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 football match against Odisha FC, at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (Salt Lake Stadium), in Kolkata, West Bengal, on Sunday

all their remaining three matches. MBSG had won the 2023-24 season League Shield with 50 points.

RESULT

Mohun Bagan Super Giant 1 (Dimitrios Petratos 90+3') Odisha FC 0

Verna Veterans clinch 3rd All Goa Siolim Veterans Football Trophy

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The champions along with Francis Fernandes, chief guest Goa Police former superintendent of police Allan De Sa, guest of honour Arjuna Awardee Brahmanand Sankhwalkar, Arjuna Awardee Bruno Coutinho, Parish Priest of Siolim Fr Fr Socorro Mendes, Dempo Sports Club Head Coach Samir Naik and other dignitaries at Siolim ground, on Sunday

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INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

MAPUSA: Verna Veterans were stretched into the sudden death before they finally got the better of Fatorda Veterans by 5-4 margin to clinch the 3rd All Goa Siolim Veterans Football Trophy tournament, organised by Siolim Veterans and sponsored by Francis Fernandes, at Siolim ground, on Sunday.

The Salcete derby was witnessed by a large Sunday crowd in the midst of yesteryears invitees ace players Brahmananda Sankhwalkar, Bruno Coutinho, Samir Naik, Marcus Carvalho, Bosco Monteiro, Salvador (Salu) and Johnny Lobo.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw with Eusebio

- Best disciplined team: Anjuna Veterans**
- Best player of the tournament: Nicolau Borges (Verna Veterans)**
- Best goalkeeper of the tournament: Nelson (Mitra Veterans)**
- Highest scorer of the tournament: Milagres (Mitra Veterans)**
- First goal of the final: Eusebio Fernandes (Verna Veterans)**
- Best goalkeeper of the final: Socorro Miranda (Fatorda Veterans)**
- Best midfielder: Anthony Levinho Pereira (Fatorda Veterans)**
- Best striker: Francis Andrade**
- Best defender: Nicolau Borges (Verna Veterans)**

Fernandes putting Verna Veterans ahead in the very 5th minute of play by dribbling past the defenders and onrushing Fatorda goalkeeper.

However, it did not take long for Fatorda to level terms when Anthony Levinho Pereira scored a gem of a goal with a 25-yard strike which slipped from the gloves of Verna custodian

to make it, 1-1.

As the match progressed, Verna's Jess Cardozo three shots and Ricardo Carvalho strike at the goal was brilliantly saved by Fatorda goalkeeper Socorro Miranda.

With the match ending in a 1-1 draw, the penalty shoot-out was enforced where Verna Veterans proved to be better shooters

winning the tie-breaker by 4-3 margin.

Francis Fernandes, along with chief guest Goa Police former superintendent of police Allan De Sa, guest of honour Arjuna Awardee Brahmanand Sankhwalkar, Arjuna Awardee Bruno Coutinho, Parish Priest of Siolim Fr Socorro Mendes and Dempo Sports Club Head Coach Samir Naik, presented the Verna Veterans cash prize Rs 77,777 and winners' trophy and to Fatorda Veterans cash prize of Rs 55,555 plus trophy.

Third place Rs 25,000 to Verem Veterans and fourth place to Siolim Veterans Rs 20,000. Later, Elison Fernandes proposed a vote of thanks, while Carasol D'Souza compered.

Bishworjit wins Goa Triathlon

Riddhi is fastest triathlete, Sweety is quickest aquathlete

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PANJIM: Bishworjit Saikhom of the Indian Army and the miniOrange Sports Academy team won the Goa Triathlon clocking an impressive 2:08:53 hours for the 51.5km distance.

The Olympic distance, Goa Triathlon was making a comeback in this year's miniOrange AquaMoga 2025 event after a hiatus of seven years.

Bishworjit, winner of the 2024 Ironman 70.3 Goa race was a favourite from start to finish. He was out of the sea first and led the swim-bike-run segments from start to the finish. Bishworjit was followed closely by teammate Bitten Laikhuram in a time of



Bishworjit Saikhom



Riddhi Kadam



Sweety Nongmaithem

2:10:10 hours and Nihal Baig of Pune, a former, Ironman 70.3 Goa champion in third position with a time of 2:21:42 hrs.

Riddhi Kadam, another Team miniOrange triathlete was the quickest woman triathlete winning her race with a time of 2:31:19 hours. Her miniOrange team-mate, Sweety Nongmaithem was likewise

the quickest female athlete in the newly introduced, Aquathlon event winning her 1.5km swim plus 10km run event in 1:44:30 hours, on a day dominated by the Pune-based miniOrange Sports Academy.

The two other events which saw some fast racing were the Olympic distance triathlons in the women's and men's junior

categories. Kabadash Singh of Team miniOrange won the men's category in 2:13:15 hours, followed closely by Mohammed Roshan in 2:18:54 hours, while, Keerthi Sakthivel (2:36:05 hours) and S Haripriya (2:41:49 hours) also from Team miniOrange grabbed the top two positions in the junior women's category.

GBA conducts WABC Level 1 certification programme

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PANJIM: The Basketball Federation of India under the aegis of FIBA-ASIA has successfully completed the WABC Level 1 (World Association of Basketball Coaches) Certification Programme in the State hosted by the Goa Basketball Association.

This is the second such programme conducted in Goa, the last begin conducted in 2017 by FIBA Instructor Nelson Isley. Fifteen coaches from across India were carefully selected to undertake the certification, which now will be the criteria for all coaches (State/National/International) to be able to assume the role as coaches.

Goa, as host was able to get five local coaches selected by the FIBA based on their criteria after application. The five Goa coaches are - Lambert Godinho,

Andriel Fernandes, Flobert Monteiro, Dillano Marchon and Vassily Mascarenhas.

The certification programme of six days was conducted by FIBA Instructor Arnika Patil, the first FIBA instructor of India, with prominent members of the Indian Basketball fraternity who were part of the programme such as Geethu Anna Rahul - an Arjuna Awardee; Anitha Pauldurai

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The participants at the WABC Level 1 coaches certification programme hosted by the Goa Basketball Association along with Arnika Patil (FIBA Instructor), Jugraj Singh (BFI vice-president and coaching programmes co-ordinator) and Fr Ralin De Souza (BFI vice-president and GBA secretary) and other dignitaries

- a Padmashree Awardee and Shireen Vijay Limaye - present India women's captain. The programme set up by the WABC, included eight hours of intensive training with written and practical exams which the participants need to complete with a minimum of 75 per cent to be competent as Level 1 coaches.

The theory sessions were held at the Don Bos-

co College of Engineering, Fatorda, and the Sports Authority of Goa, offered the Manohar Parrikar Indoor Stadium, Navelim, for all practical sessions.

Among the dignitaries were Jugraj Singh, BFI Vice-President and coordinator for all coaching programmes in the country and Fr Ralin De Souza, GBA Secretary and BFI vice-president.

Hosts Guardian Angel IHMCT clinch IDS Futsal Championship

PAUL CARVALHO



Guardian Angel Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology team with the officials at the D'Costa Sports Arena, Quepem, recently

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CURCHOREM: Hosts Guardian Angel Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology (IHMCT), Curchorem, emerged victorious in the IDS Futsal Championship 2025 defeating Agnel Polytechnic, Verna, with a convincing 3-0 win in the final played at the D'Costa Sports Are-

na, Quepem, recently.

The tournament organised by IHMCT in association with the Directorate of Technical Education (DTE), featured six teams from various polytechnic institutes competing in a league format.

Guardian Angel IHMCT showcased remarkable teamwork, skill and strategy throughout the tournament. In the final, they dominated the

game, securing a decisive win over Agnel Polytechnic, Verna, who finished as runners-up.

The IDS Futsal Championship 2025 not only

provided a platform for young athletes to display their talent but also emphasised teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship.

I-LEAGUE FIXTURE

Namdhari FC vs Churchill Brothers, at Namdhari Stadium, Ludhiana-Punjab, 2 pm

TODAY'S SPORTS

GFA Division II League All Goa Play-Offs: Vagator Parish YSC vs PVC Parra at Guirim ground, at 4 pm. Vasco City SC vs South Goa united SCS, at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, 4 pm

Vaidya Family Memorial Cup: Chandor Club vs Carmo-na Sports Club at Cuncolim ground. 4.45 pm

GFA U-13 Division II League All Goa Play-Offs: Valpoi FC vs Ave Maria A&WC, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4 pm

GFA U-13 Girls League (North): Sinqerim SC vs Quit-ula S&SC, at Sinqerim ground, 4.30 pm

Benaolim Constituency veterans football: Varca Veterans vs Colva Veterans, at Varca ground, 4.30 pm

Priority Titans finish at the top position

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MARGAO: Mapusa Dream Crushers wrapped up their campaign with a resounding 90-run victory over Rising Stars of Antruz, the clash had little impact on the tournament, as both teams were already out of the race for the final four in the Alcon GSB Unity Cup T20 Cricket Tournament organised by Goa GSB Sports and Charitable Trust in collaboration with Goa Saraswat Samaj at the MCC ground, here, on Sunday.

In the second match of the day, Priority Titans edged past CD Margao Mega Strikers by 3 wickets, ensuring they finished at the top of the standings. With this win, Priority Titans and CD Margao Mega



Rajaram Kundaikar receives the man-of-the-match and Nityay Kunkolienkar hero-of-the-match award from Kashyap Shinkre and Gaurav Borker. (Right) Kapil Borker receiving MOM & Smitesh Divekar receiving hero of the match from Prashant Kakode and Venkat Biche

Strikers will now face each other again in Qualifier 1.

In the opening match, Mapusa Dream Crushers put up a massive total of 224 all out in 20 overs. Their top order fired in unison, with Rajaram Kundaikar leading the charge with a quickfire 38 off 23 balls. In response, Rising Stars of Antruz struggled, manag-

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ing only 134/8 in 17 overs. Kundaikar's all-round contribution earned him the Man of the Match award.

In the second fixture, CD Margao Mega Strikers set a target of 136, scoring 135/9 in their allotted 20 overs. Priority Titans, despite

losing wickets at regular intervals, chased down the target in 18 overs, finishing at 137/7. Kapil Sinai Borker's impactful performance with both bat and ball (3 wickets for 28 runs and 17 runs) earned him the Man of the Match title.

Brief scores: Mapusa Dream Crushers 224 all out in 20 overs (Rajaram Kundaikar 38, Nityay Kunkolienkar 37, Shailesh Mahajan 36, Venkatesh Verlekar 28, Mehank Dharwadkar 22; Devkinandan Prabhu 3/35, Gaurish Shenvi Lotlikar 1/12, Aniket Kamat 1/15, Tanmay Sukhthankar 1/30). Rising

Stars of Antruz 134/8 in 17 overs (Vivek Keni 33, Gaurish Shenvi Lotlikar 33, Prashel Kamat 11; Mahesh Churi 2/13, Mehank Dharwadkar 1/24, Venkatesh Verlekar 1/25, Nityay Kunkolienkar 1/12). CD Margao Mega Strikers 135/9 in 20 overs (Sidhit Raiturkar 38, Atchut Naik Dalal 22, Raunak Nargundkar not out 12, Sandeep Dalal 11; Kapil Sinai Borker 3/28, Smitesh Divekar 3/13, Vikrant Prabhu 1/16, Siddharth Ghanekar 1/27). Priority Titans 137/7 in 18 overs. (Manish Kakode 35, Vikrant Prabhu 22, Samar Dubhashi 19, Kapil Sinai Borker 17; Yash Prabhugaonkar 2/20, Siddhesh Prabhu Alvenkar 1/36, Siddhant Amonkar 1/17, Sandeep Dalal 1/22)