

# Haokip stars for Churchill Brothers

## Ronald guides Guardian Angel SC to victory

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**RAIA:** Churchill Brothers moved past Panjim Footballers 4-2 in the Goa Professional League Relegation Zone match played at Benaolim ground, on Thursday.

bound fell to Haokip, who took a touch, evaded the scrambling defenders and calmly slotted it into the bottom left corner.

Just two minutes later, Churchill Brothers doubled their advantage in dramatic fashion. Jolly Singh fired a low drive from the edge of the box, which took a crucial deflection off Panjim Footballers defender Sainath Kankonkar, wrong-footing goalkeeper Bhaskar Jalmi and nestling into the net.

Minutes later, Churchill Brothers were reduced to 10 men as Scott Fernandes was shown a straight red card for dissent, putting his side under pressure.

Despite being down to 10 men, Churchill Brothers struck again, with Haokip securing his brace in style. Winning possession at the edge of the box, he spotted the advanced goalkeeper and coolly chipped the ball into the net, extending Churchill Brothers' lead to 3-0.

In the dying minutes, Panjim Footballers' Veron Pereira pulled one back with a sublime curling effort from the left flank that sailed into the far post.

Deep into stoppage time, Panjim Footballers were awarded a penalty after Richie Vaz's strike was handled inside the box. Veron stepped up and calmly slotted it home, completing his brace.

But Haokip had the final say, sealing his hat-trick in emphatic fashion. Alent slipped in a precise through ball, allowing Haokip to charge into the box before smashing his shot through the legs of the Panjim Footballers goalkeeper, securing a 4-2 victory for Churchill Brothers.

At Nagoa ground, Guardian Angel SC clinched a 4-2 victory over Pax of Nagoa, fuelled by a stunning hat-trick from Ronald Singh while own goal from Clemente further bolstered Guardian Angel SC's tally. While Pax of Nagoa fought back with strikes from Stephen Satarkar and Shubert Pereira to reduce the deficit.

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# AIFF takes action against Churchill Brothers for fielding an ineligible player

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# FC Goa solidify grip over 2nd spot

AGENCIES, NEW DELHI: FC Goa secured a 1-0 victory against Punjab FC to solidify their grip over the second spot, which could guarantee them a straight semi-final berth in the Indian Super League match played at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, here, on Thursday.

The Gaurs moved to 45 points in 22 games. They are now ahead of the third and fourth placed Bengaluru FC and Jamshedpur FC respectively by eight points each, though the latter have three games in hand to cut that deficit. Punjab FC are at the 11th place with 24 points from 22 encounters.

FC Goa stepped in with intent, displaying fluidity in their gameplay both from open sequences and set-pieces. They produced a well-coordinated corner kick in the eighth minute as Borja Herrera's precise delivery met Odeir Onandia on the far post.

Onandia, however, was positioned laterally, and hence he didn't go for a direct attempt at goal, instead laying up a headed pass for Carl McHugh. Muheet Shabir Khan pre-empted this sequence brilliantly between the posts and stopped the effort from going in with a timely save in



FC Goa's Ayush Dev Chhetri in action against Punjab FC's Nikhil Prabhu at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, on Thursday

the ninth minute.

McHugh was successful in finding the back of the net at the brink of the conclusion of the first half. Udanta Singh delivered a long throw-in for the Irish midfielder, who was looking to break into the Punjab FC box with a quick sprint.

McHugh met the delivery properly, drilling the ball into the bottom left corner with his left foot to get the Gaurs a goal ahead going into the half-time

break.

Punjab FC sparked in a small phase of the game where they were on the offensive in the opening 15 minutes of the second half. Punjab FC kept pressing for the equaliser right until the end, as in the 87th minute mark they had Ninhoingamba Meetei and Khaiminthang Lungdim near to the goal. Lungdim's left footed shot zoomed high and wide to the

left, culminating a night of missed chances for the home side. FC Goa will play their next game against Mohammedan SC on March 4.

**RESULT**  
Punjab FC 0 FC Goa 1 (Carl McHugh 45')

**ISL FIXTURE**  
Odisha FC vs Mohammedan SC, at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, at 7.30 pm

# SS Dempo, St Xavier's College emerge men, women volleyball champions

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**PANJIM:** Dempo Charities Trust's Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Cujira-Bambolim, and St Xavier's College, Mapusa, won the Men's and Women's Inter Collegiate Volleyball Championships organised by Goa University at Goa University ground, Taleigao, recently.

In the men's final, Dempo Charities Trust's Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics outsmarted Cuncoim Educational Society's College of Arts and Commerce, Cuncoim by 3-1 sets.

Earlier in the semi-finals, DCT's SS Dempo College of Commerce and Economics outplayed Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sanquelim, by 3-1 sets and CES College of Arts and Commerce, Cuncoim, outsmarted Shree Mallikarjun and Shri

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Winners Dempo Charities Trust's Srinivassa Sinai Dempo College of Commerce and Economics, Cujira-Bambolim



Runners-up Cuncoim Educational Society's College of Arts and Commerce, Cuncoim

## GU MEN & WOMEN INTER-COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chetan Manju Desai College of Arts and Commerce, Canacona, by 3-0 sets.

In the women's final, St Xavier's College defeated Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women, Nuvem, by 3-1 sets.

In the semi-finals, Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women, defeated GVM's Gopal Govind Poy Raiturkar College of Commerce and Economics, Farmagudi-Ponda, by 3-1 sets and St Xavier's College, Mapusa, outplayed SV's Sridora Caculo College of Commerce and Management Studies, Mapusa, by 3-0 sets.

Best player in men and women were awarded to Tejas Gauns from SS Dempo College and Richa Gawade of St Xavier's College respectively.

In all, 31 men's and 26 women's teams participated in the four-day championships.

Chief guest Prof Brahma Edwin Barreto, principal of CES College, Cuncoim, guest of honour Rama Dhawaskar, DSYA volleyball coach and Gurudas Pilankar, senior volleyball player along with Balachandra Jadar, assistant director of physical education and sports, Goa University, presented medals and trophies to the winners and runners-ups.

St Xavier's College team: Tanisha Murgod, Sukanya Naik, Richa Gawade, Gauri Shetgaonkar, Elena Perei-



Winners St Xavier's College, Mapusa



Runners-up Carmel College of Arts, Science and Commerce for Women, Nuvem.

ra, Grisha Gadekar, Gautami Talekar, Pushpa Parab, Alaika Fernandes, Siddhi Chodankar, Saniya Pednekar, Pranali Parab.

SS Dempo College: Tejas Gauns, Sahil Hadkonkar, Changan Kunkolkar, Rohit Kuttikar, Yash Gawas, Uttkarsh Gauns, Harish

Gaude, Purushottam Kavlekar, Harsh Mayekar, Shrayabh Morjekar, Tanvish Kankonkar, Deepak Kankonkar.

# PVC Parra go down fighting to South Goa United Club

## Vagator PYSC and Vasco City play goalless

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**MAPUSA:** PVC Parra fought gallantly to go down fighting to South Goa United Club by 3-5 margin in the Goa Football Association's Division II Play-Offs played at Duler Stadium, here, on Thursday.

## GFA DIV II PLAY-OFFS

In an action-packed encounter, PVC Parra played heavy for the number of missed chances early in the first quarter of the match with Savio Fernandes, Fhezer Gomes and Royden Rego being the culprit.

At the other end, South Goa United Club scored two quick goals through Alex Fernandes (6th minute) and Mldroy Menezes (11th minute) from the assist by Pedro Gonsalves. However, in the 35th minute, PVC Parra finally managed to reduce the

margin with Fhezer beautifully collecting a long ball from Pallay Murari and after covering some ground placed the ball into the far corner of the goal, 2-1. South Goa United Club were back in action to find Casvino Fernandes and Alex Fernandes pump in two more goals to go into the breather with a 4-1 margin.

On resumption of play, PVC Parra came back into the match with Fhezer scoring from the penalty spot and substitute Cyprian Rodrigues scoring from his individual brilliancy to make it 4-3.

After both the custodians brought couple of saves South Goa United Club's Pedro Gonsalves made the issue safe as he scored the fifth goal from the penalty spot to complete the 5-3 rout.

At Guirim ground, Vagator PYSC and Vasco City were locked in a goalless draw. After the second round matches, Vagator PYSC and South Goa United Club have four points each.

## GOA DIARY

### Selection trials to select State Civil Services cricket team on March 6

**PANJIM:** The Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs will be conducting a selection trial to select the Goa State Civil Services cricket team on March 6, at Campal-Panjim, from 9.30 am. The interested players who are regular employees in the government departments should report to Anant Sawal, SSO, incharge officer along with identity card duly signed by the Head of the Department and proper playing kit at the venue. As per All India Civil Services the Junior Resident doctors, uniformed personnel in defence services, para military, police, RFS, CISF, ITBP, National School Games, SPG and the newly recruited government employees who have put in less than six months in regular establishments services are not eligible to participate in the selection trials.

## TODAY'S SPORTS

**Goa Professional League (Relegation League):** Calangute Association vs Vasco Sports Club, at Duler Stadium, Mapusa, 4 pm

**GFA U-13 Division I League:** Churchill Brothers SC vs Youth Club of Manora, at Sirlim ground, 4.30 pm. South Goa United SC vs Sesa Football Academy, at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, 4.30 pm. Dempo SC vs Geno Football Club, at Dempo Sports Academy ground, Ella-Old Goa, 4.30 pm

**10th Fatorda Veterans football tournament:** Calagute Veterans vs Vasco Veterans, at Don Bosco Oratory ground, Fatorda, 4.30 pm

**Vaidya Family Memorial Cup (quarter-final):** Curtorim Gymkhana vs Carmona Sports Club, at Cuncoim ground, 4.45 pm

## NEW KONKANI MOVIE



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